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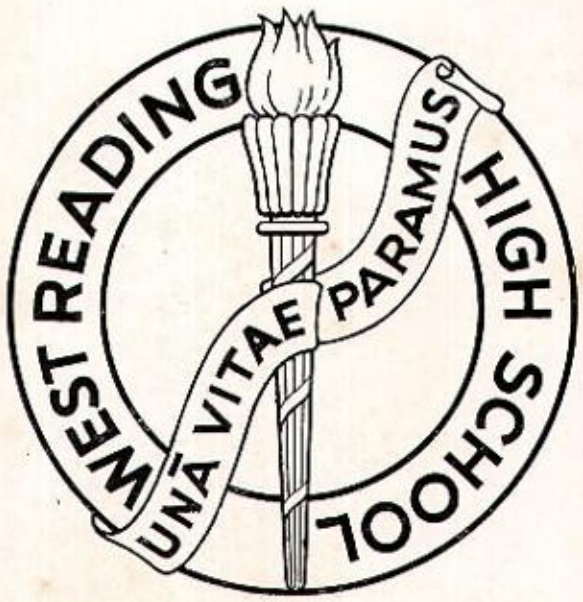
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Foreword

This is the fifth edition of the West Reading High School Annual, the "Vaquero". We have earnestly endeavored to make the 1949 publication equal in merit to the fine editions of preceding years. We hope we have attained that goal.

It is our sincere wish that all those who read this yearbook will find it an interesting and informative portrayal of student work and activity at West Reading High School. To the members of the Class of 1949, it is also our wish that it may serve as a means of keeping vivid the fond memories which all of us will always have of our Alma Mater.

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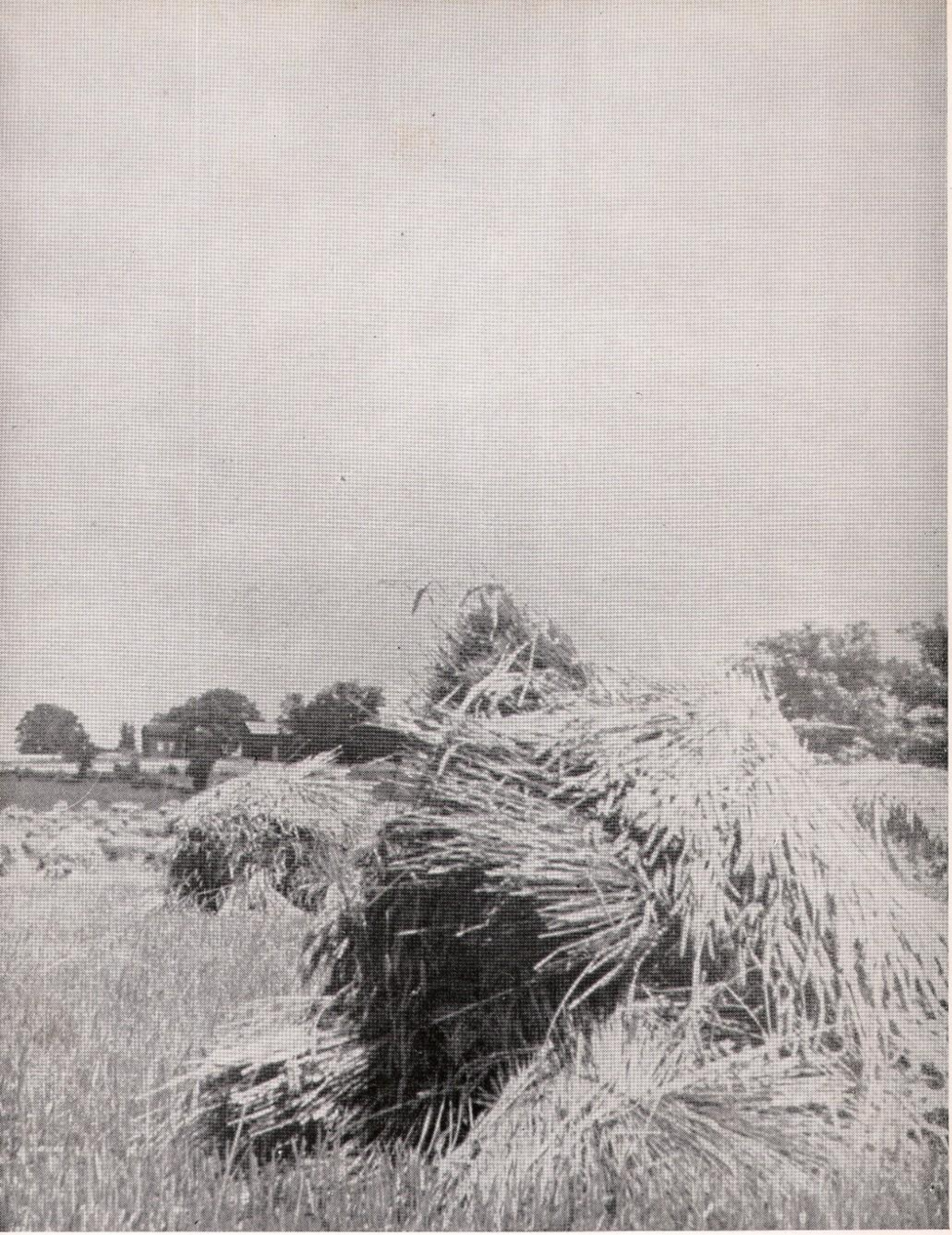


Autumn

MR. J. MAURICE STRATTAN
Supervising Principal

The "Vaquero" has come to be recognized as an important addition to the archives of West Reading High School and the School District. Each staff has worked hard to set high standards for those that follow. This fifth edition will be no exception to this rule and I am certain that when it comes from the press, it will be ready to proudly take its place with its predecessors. On behalf of the school I wish to thank and congratulate the staff and its sponsor for a task well done. May I also take this opportunity to extend to our seniors my best wishes for their future as they take their leave of us this spring.

J. MAURICE STRATTAN
Supervising Principal

MR. EDWIN B. YEICH
High School Principal

A hundred years ago our country was in a turmoil. Thousands of people were leaving their homes and accustomed pursuits to go west, seeking their fortunes in the goldfields of California.

Today there is a new crop of "49'ers". This time, however, it is the world which is in a turmoil, and again thousands, this time of young people, are leaving their accustomed pursuits, their school life, and are seeking their fortunes, not in the goldfields, but in some lucrative profession.

To the seniors of today, we give a salute. As you have earned the honors of graduation, so we hope that your aspirations for the future will "pan out", and that fortune will smile upon you in your futures.

To those who will remain in school, to be graduated another day, we give greetings also. Just as the goldfields are still producing gold, so the world will not end in its riches in '49. There is still room along the golden streams of education for all who seek their future happiness.

EDWIN B. YEICH
High School Principal

BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Reading citizens are indeed fortunate in having, as their Board of Education, such a capable and liberal-minded group of men. The members of the Board are always alert to the many problems of school administration, and are constantly giving their best efforts toward the solution of these problems.

The Board of Education is composed of five prominent citizens of the Borough: Mr. John A. Miller, President; Mr. Samuel H. Wertz, Vice-President; Mr. Ralph B. Miller, Secretary; Mr. Bernard E. Leightheiser, Treasurer; and Mr. Leroy W. McGrath, who has replaced Mr. Richard Holl, who has retired because of ill health.

EDWIN B. YEICH
HELEN BOLTON
MARGARET BRUNNER

English Department

Mr. Edwin B. Yeich, at the end of the 1949 term, will have served as our High School Principal for twenty-seven years. In addition to his work as Principal, Mr. Yeich teaches both junior and senior English, and also gives much of his time assisting various school groups with their activities.

Mr. Yeich was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with a B.S. degree, and received his M.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

The only member of our faculty from south of the Mason and Dixon Line is Mrs. Helen Bolton, who received her B.S. degree from Washington and Mary College in Virginia. She instructs ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students in English, and is one of the advisors of the Assembly Committee.

Mrs. Bolton is also advisor of the Lariat, our bi-weekly school paper. She gives a great deal of time and effort toward the publication of the Lariat, and is to be congratulated for the fine job which she has done.

Mrs. Margaret Brunner was graduated from Bloomsburg State Teachers College, receiving her B.S. degree. Her schedule includes teaching English to the seventh and eighth grade pupils as well as speech correction. Mrs. Brunner is advisor of both the Dramatics Club and the National Thespian Society and also coaches dramatic productions in our school. Among these productions are the Christmas play, the Easter play, and the Junior and Senior Class plays.

FORREST SCHAEFFER
JOHN SHALTER
MARY E. GRESH

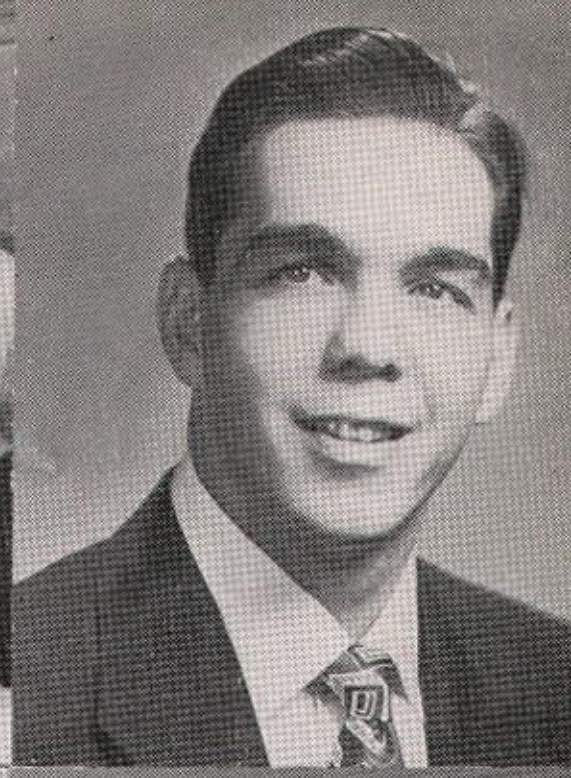
Social Studies

Shippensburg State Teachers College claims Mrs. Mary E. Gresh, our junior high social studies instructor, as an alumna. Mrs. Gresh was graduated with a B.S. degree. Among her other activities are the eighth grade excursion through Berks County, the eighth grade Christmas party, and the Spring Tea, to which the parents of her pupils are invited. Mrs. Gresh is one of the advisors of Student Council, National Honor Society, and also sponsors the Foreign Letter Exchange. This group exchanges letters with students in countries all over the world.

Mr. Forrest Schaeffer received his B.S. degree from Kutztown State Teachers College, and his M.A. from Columbia University. He is now attending the University of Pennsylvania, studying for his Ph.D. in Education.

Mr. Schaeffer is finishing his second year at West Reading as instructor in world history, American history, and problems of democracy. His extra-curricular activities include the Forensic Club, Driver Training, and the Student Council, of which he is a conscientious advisor.

The third member of the social studies staff is Mr. John Shalter, a graduate of Millersville State Teachers College and the University of Pennsylvania. He is also advisor of the Bridge Club and sponsors the Junior Hi-Y.



MARLIN KESSLER
MARTIN HUBLEY

Science Department

During the short period of time in which Mr. Marlin Kessler has been at West Reading, he has become very popular among the student body. Mr. Kessler was graduated from Elizabethtown High School, and then served for three years in the United States Marine Corps.

Upon being discharged, he entered Shippensburg State Teachers College, where he was captain of both the basketball and baseball teams in his senior year, and was graduated with a B.S. degree. Mr. Kessler teaches biology, general science, and chemistry.

He is adviser of the Science Club, Junior Nature Club, and during the past year was assistant football coach. Mr. Kessler coached baseball, and his junior high basketball team won the division championship.

No less popular among the students is our physics teacher, Mr. Martin Hubley. Mr. Hubley attended St. Mary's College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Shippensburg State Teachers College, where he received his B.S. degree in Education. He is completing his second year as physics instructor, and this year has taught first and second year algebra, plain and solid geometry, and trigonometry.

Mr. Hubley gives a great deal of his time to athletics in our school. He is head football coach, and also coaches the junior varsity basketball team. The 1948-49 football team finished its schedule with a record of six victories in nine starts, and Mr. Hubley is looking forward to an even more successful season next year.

ANASTACEA S. LEBARIS
SAMUEL J. NAYLOR

Commercial Studies

Mr. Samuel J. Naylor, who comes from York, Pennsylvania, where he attended York High School, teaches Typing II, Bookkeeping I and II, Office Practice, Secretarial Training, and Business Problems. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Commercial Education from Elizabethtown College, and took special courses in advanced commercial work at Albright College and the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Naylor is also advisor of the Banking Club, which has grown to be an important part of our school organization. Its members, selected from the commercial students, handle the finances of various school activities. Thus it has localized all financial affairs into one responsible group, and helps greatly in alleviating the financial problems of the school.

Commercial students are instructed in Shorthand, Typing, and Business English by Miss Anastacea Lebaris, a newcomer to West Reading's faculty. Miss Lebaris attended Phoenixville High School, and was graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree. At Phoenixville she was a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in many school activities.

Miss Lebaris shares the sponsorship of the Y-Teens with Miss McDonald. She is also advisor to the Vaquero staff, and has given its members very helpful assistance, which is deeply appreciated.

EVAN H. MANWILLER

Mathematics

"Read the problem carefully, be sure you know the meaning of the words." With these wise words of advice, most students begin their mathematical education at West Reading High School under the guidance of Mr. Evan H. Manwiller. Mr. Manwiller instructs seventh and eighth grade pupils in fundamental mathematics, and also teaches ninth and tenth grade commercial math.

Mr. Manwiller, who came to West Reading twenty-five years ago, studied at Penn State and Albright College, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. Many of his vacations are spent traveling throughout the country taking motion pictures. This is his favorite hobby, and if given a chance, he will talk about his experiences for hours.

Mr. Manwiller also has charge of both the Junior and Senior Camera Clubs. Members of the Junior Camera Club receive instruction in the fundamentals of photography, while the senior group learns more advanced techniques in proper camera usage, and also apply their knowledge in the actual taking and developing of pictures.

In addition to the camera clubs, Mr. Manwiller is the capable and conscientious treasurer of our Athletic Association.

MABEL FRITZ
MABEL L. GERHART

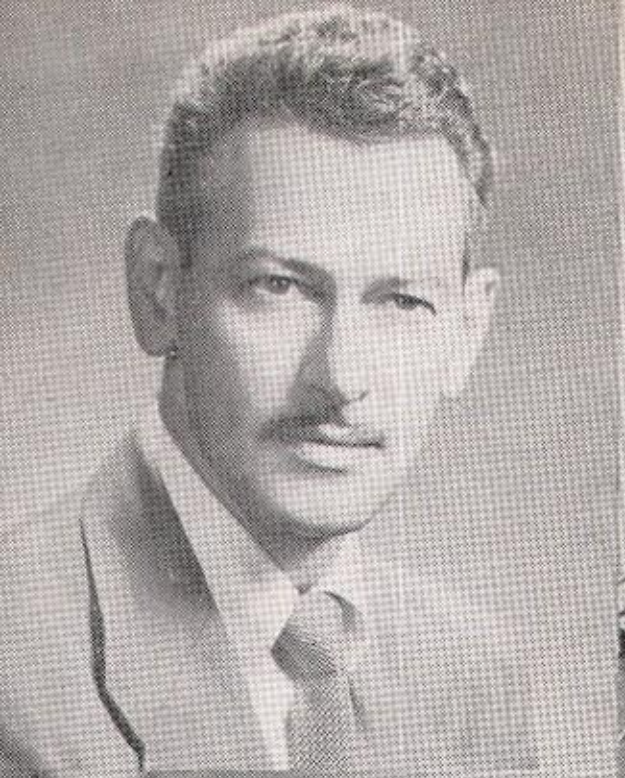
Language Department

The language department of West Reading High School offers to students a choice of German or French, and Latin. Miss Mabel Fritz, who teaches first and second year French, and four years of Latin, is deeply interested in activities at West Reading. Miss Fritz was graduated from Reading High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Bucknell University.

She later received her Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and furthered her education at Middlebury French School and the French School at Penn State. Miss Fritz is an active advisor of Student Council and National Honor Society, and has a part in most other school activities. During the past year Miss Fritz was a hard-working member of the Arbor Day committee.

This year Mrs. Mabel L. Gerhart, our German instructor, has divided her German II class into two sections: a college preparatory group, and a group who intend to use German in everyday life. In addition to German, Mrs. Gerhart teaches English to the seventh and eighth grades.

Upon receiving her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Cornell University, Mrs. Gerhart went abroad and continued her studies at the University of Munich, in Germany. She is advisor of the Senior Knit and Purl Club, which meets every Thursday in her room. She also works with Mrs. Brunner in directing dramatic productions in the school.



JAMES M. K. WALDRON
HOMER BARTHOLD
RICHARD SEIDEL

Fine Arts

The music department in West Reading High School is constantly being enlarged and improved, as both students and faculty take an increased interest in it. Mr. Homer Barthold, our instrumental music instructor, is to be congratulated for the excellent work he has done for the orchestra, band, and the dance band.

Mr. Barthold received his B. S. degree from Lebanon Valley Conservatory of Music, and furthered his education at Columbia University, where he received his M. A. degree.

The vocal music department is under the direction of Mr. Richard Seidel, an alumnus of West Reading. Mr. Seidel attended the Lebanon Valley Conservatory of Music, as well as the Hamilton School of Music in Philadelphia.

Aside from his vocal music classes, Mr. Seidel spends much time with the MacDowell Chorus, the Junior Chorus, the Boys' Quartet, and the Girls' Sextet. The fine performances which these groups have given speak well for the work that he has done.

West Reading's art department is under the supervision of Mr. James M. K. Waldron, also an alumnus of the school. Mr. Waldron, an accomplished artist, who has made many sketches and paintings, studied at Kutztown State Teachers College and the University of California. He is now working for his M.F.A. degree at Temple University. During the war he spent two and one-half years in the Army, serving in the European theater.

LEWIS CAPALDI
STEPHEN C. LEININGER

Industrial Arts

Messrs. Stephen C. Leininger and Lewis Capaldi are in charge of the Industrial Arts department at West Reading High School. Mr. Leininger, a member of the faculty for many years, attended Albright College, Millersville State Teachers College, Penn State, and the University of Pennsylvania. He holds both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees.

Mr. Leininger instructs pupils in printing and mechanical drawing and is often called upon to print invitations, tickets, tallies for dances, and programs for assemblies and plays. The Graphic Arts Club meets every Tuesday under his direction.

Another new faculty member this year is Mr. Lewis Capaldi, who attended Alfred University in New York, Manhattan College, and Millersville State Teachers College, where he received his B.S. degree. He had previously attended Pottstown High School.

Mr. Capaldi teaches woodworking, metal shop, and electricity.

Among his extra-curricular activities are the direction of Stagecraft Club and Driver Training. The members of the Stagecraft Club have done a fine job in taking care of the back-stage work for all school assemblies and other presentations.

Driver Training, which was instituted at West Reading this year, is a compulsory subject for juniors, and may also be taken by seniors who have not yet received their license. It has aided many students to pass their state examination.

JOHN H. SHANER
AGNES McCARTHY

Physical Education

At the end of the present school term, Mr. John H. Shaner, our physical education director, will have been a member of the West Reading High School faculty for twenty-five years. Mr. Shaner was graduated from Culver Normal School in Indiana, and furthered his education at Albright, Penn State College, and the University of Pennsylvania. After receiving his B. S. degree from Albright, he accepted the position which he now holds at West Reading. He later received his M. S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

During the past years Mr. Shaner has generously donated both his time and efforts towards the improvement of the athletic program of the school. "Coach", as he is known to all the past graduates and present students, is in charge of the varsity basketball team and the track team, and also assists in the direction of the other sports of West Reading.

Working with Mr. Shaner in the physical education department is Mrs. Agnes McCarthy, girls' athletic director. Mrs. McCarthy attended high school in Philadelphia, and was graduated from West Chester State Teachers College, receiving her B. S. degree. In the two years that she has been at West Reading, Mrs. McCarthy has built up a great deal of enthusiasm in girls sports.

MARY ANN McDONALD

Library

West Reading High School's library, with its 5,600 volumes, furnishes a ready and valuable source of knowledge and pleasure to the students of our school. The library is in charge of the capable Miss Mary Ann McDonald, an alumna of West Reading. Miss McDonald was graduated from Kutztown State Teachers College, and is now completing her second year as our school librarian. During the past term, she has instituted a new vertical filing system, and has also enlarged and modernized the college catalog file. This file will be of much value to those upperclassmen who are contemplating entering institutions of higher learning.

In addition to her duties as school librarian, Miss McDonald sponsors the Junior and Senior Library Clubs. Both of these clubs are worthy school service organizations, because of the excellent services they render in helping to maintain the library in good order. Miss McDonald also sponsors the Display Club, which was organized last year for the purpose of arranging the displays found in the showcase in the center of the third-floor hall. The displays, as presented by the Club, have proven both interesting and educational to the students of our school. Miss McDonald is to be commended for the fine work she is doing.

MIRIAM PARKER

Home Economics

Students in the Home Economics Department of West Reading High School receive instruction in the various phases of homemaking; cooking, sewing, home nursing, grooming, interior decorating, and child care by Miss Miriam L. Parker. Although this is her first year at West Reading, Miss Parker has already accomplished a great deal toward the advancement of home economics in our school.

Miss Parker attended Annville High School in Pennsylvania, and was later graduated from Albright College where she received her Bachelor of Science degree.

In addition to her daily teaching schedule, Miss Parker also is advisor of Chefs' Club and Costume Club. The Chefs' Club, composed of junior high boys, teaches its members the elements of good cooking; while the Costume Club figures prominently in many of the school's dramatic productions making costumes and accessories for period plays.

Health Service

West Reading has always been proud of its fine school health program. This department was the first, with the exception of Reading, to be organized in a Berks County school, and is as complete as any in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Sarah Stanton, R.N., a graduate of Reading Hospital, holds the full-time position of school nurse.

In her second floor headquarters, Mrs. Stanton gives first aid to injured students, while she also performs her routine tasks of keeping constant check on absentees and giving weekly inspections to grade school pupils.

Mrs. A. O. Henne, school dental hygienist, is a graduate of Albright College and the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Henne sees that the teeth of every student receive a thorough examination at least once a year.

The school also employs the services of Dr. Harry W. Bagenstose for the examination of our athletes.

Office Staff

As the clerical work in school administration has become more complicated, the duties of our school secretaries, Mrs. Grace M. Hamilton and Mrs. Betty J. Fassnacht, have increased proportionately. They are always willing to give courteous assistance to pupils, as well as to members of the faculty.

Mrs. Hamilton, who is rounding out her first year at West Reading High School, was graduated from Lebanon High School, and Lebanon Business College.

Mrs. Fassnacht furthered her business education at the McCann School of Business, after her graduation from Reading High School. This February will mark the beginning of her fifth year at West Reading.

Custodians

The job of keeping our school building and equipment in first-class condition falls upon our three custodians: Charles Merkel, Jesse Spence, and Howard Bennethum.

In order that this work may be done in the most efficient manner, the members of our janitorial staff have attended special classes in building maintenance and other fields. Their duties do not end with the close of the school day, but often extend into the evening.

Many of us do not realize or appreciate the many and varied tasks which they perform. All three of these men have been very generous in their contributions of both time and effort to our social functions, and have extended many extra courtesies to our students and faculty.

Initiation

At one time in the school life of every West Reading Sophomore comes a day which dwells in the memories of every departing student; the hardly anticipated day when the Juniors are given the opportunity to exercise their evil minds in the annual initiation of their fellow underclassmen. The appointed day came this past September 24 to the class of 1951.

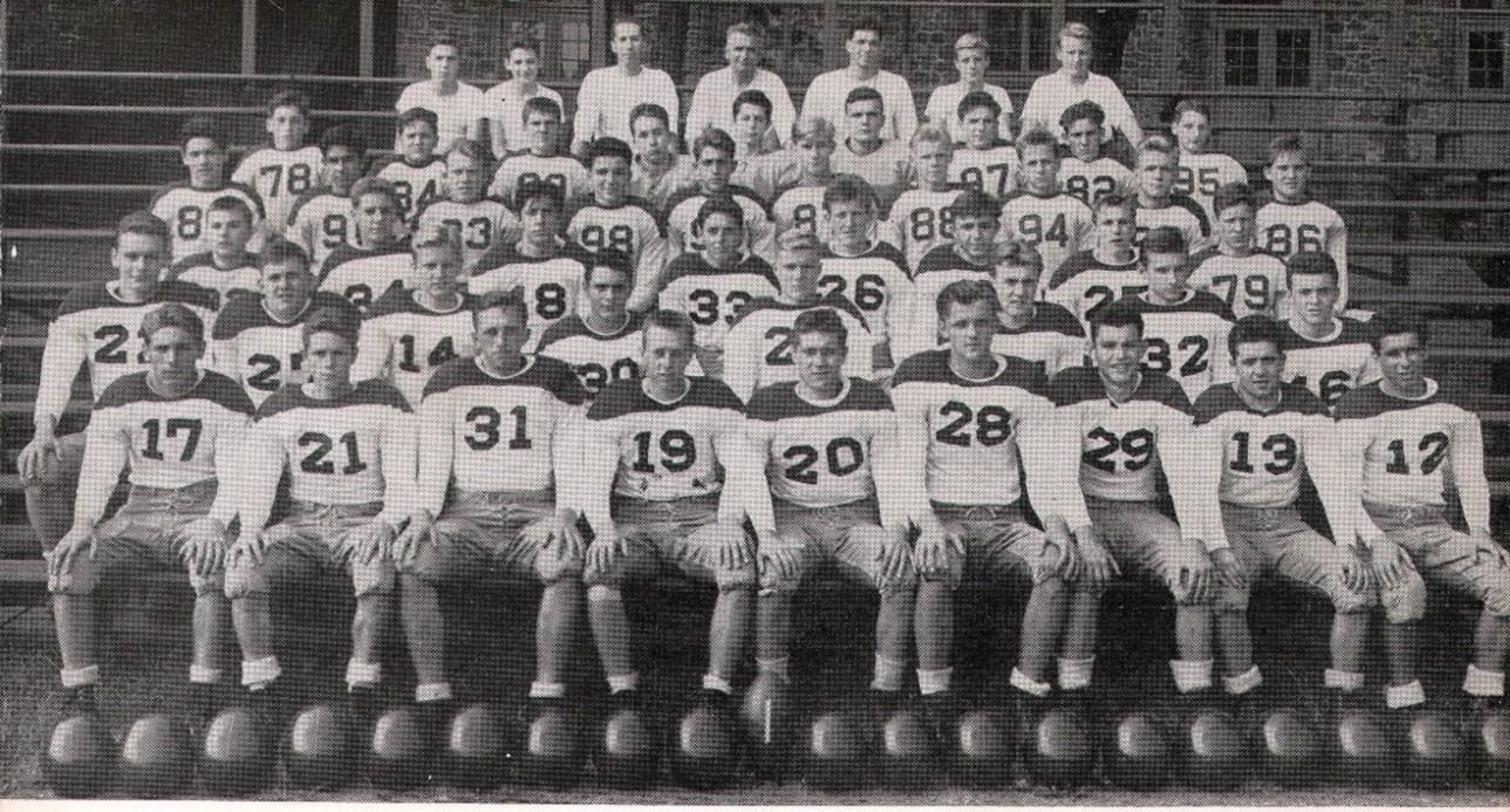
At the customary Friday morning assembly, the Sophs were "fairly judged" in their attempts to muster an ounce of favor from their "most superior" Juniors. If they failed, they paid the penalty during the final event of that memorable day—the evening party.

Following their noontime dismissal, the doomed Sophomores garbed themselves in the latest fashions for the afternoon ceremonies. Among the articles the boys were requested to wear were: a frilly blouse, a full skirt, silk stockings, and earrings. They willingly carried a market basket, completely furnished with shoe shine equipment, a nursery rhyme book, and a rag doll. The girls eagerly chisled off their make-up on one side of their face and dismantled their hairdo's to don a man's pajama top, rolled-up trousers, one clodhopper and a rubber, big metal curlers on only one side of their heads, and silk stockings rolled up to their knees. These lassies, thus clad so attractively, obligingly dragged a bucket with the necessary articles to give a good shoe-shine upon the gracious wishes of any Junior.

During the afternoon, Sophomores could be seen hopping up and down the stairs on their knees or humbly repeating their pledge to the "highly esteemed Juniors".

The members of the eleventh grade did not spare the use of lipstick on the beseeching faces of their tenth grade friends; but, by the time the evening dance was begun, familiar faces appeared on the gym floor, and no mention was made of any suffered bloodshed.

"We the dumb, dopic, dopey, drippy Dripmores - - - - " oh' what an impressing day!



FIRST ROW—W. Focht, C. Heister, G. Greene, A. Heckler, B. O'Neill, D. Ratajczak, J. Mengel, T. Stoudt, R. Grab. SECOND ROW—J. Willwerth, D. Smith, D. Schlegel, C. Schnellenbach, W. Greenleese, R. Lechleitner, R. Feeg, C. Cardinal. THIRD ROW—B. Brown, P. Hoeffer, M. Hartzell, J. Shaner, G. Bright, A. Gray, F. Loser, T. Cardinal. FOURTH ROW—R. DiMascio, F. Betz, D. Reichert, M. Reilly, W. Kaley, G. Janssen, J. Rentschler, P. Bailey, D. Graeff, R. Stoudt. FIFTH ROW—R. Leisey, J. Fidler, T. Harkins, F. Wagner, A. Williams, J. Thompson, J. Straub, R. Reber. LAST ROW—E. Brown, F. Stoyer, Mr. Kessler, Mr. Shaner, Mr. Hubley, J. Munroe, C. Ernst.

Football Team

On the twenty-third of August, forty-four candidates were greeted by coaches Martin Hubley and Marlin Kessler at the first football practice of the season. During the next five weeks, in spite of the extremely hot weather, both players and coaches worked hard at calisthentics, blocking, tackling, and running plays. When the Saturday afternoon of the first game rolled around, the West Reading football team that traveled to the Coplay gridiron was a well-conditioned and well-trained machine.

In the initial game of the season, the Cowboys were edged out by Coplay, 7-6. During the first quarter, the Maroon and Steel gridders took an early lead, when quarterback Dave Schlegel passed to Milt Hartzell for West Reading's first and only score. From there on, the game was a see-saw affair, until the last quarter, when Coplay pushed over a touchdown and converted the extra point which was to be the margin of victory.

A week later the Cowboys reversed the Coplay score, by repulsing West Pottsgrove 7 to 6. The Cowmen were trailing until the last five minutes, when Carl Schnellenbach crashed into the end zone followed by Skip Loser with the extra point.

On October 9, the Hubleymen returned to their home field and upset Wilson by a 26 to 7 margin, to avenge last week's mauling from Boyertown (33-7). Heckler, Grab, Loser, and Schnellenbach tallied for West Reading.

Hapless Manheim Borough were the next victims of the Maroon and Steel gridders. Every member on the squad saw action in the 51-14 rout.

Annexing their fourth win in six starts, the Cowboys edged a scrappy Shillington eleven, 19-13. It was a hard-fought battle from beginning to end. At halftime West Reading was on the short end of a 13-6 score.

West Reading rebounded from their setback of the previous week (Muhlenberg, 40-6), and defeated North Coventry by an 18-7 score. This was the first time that the Wildcats were beaten by the Cowboys.

The last game of the season was the traditional "battle of the boroughs" with Wyomissing. In the first period both teams scored seven points, with Dick Grab doing the honors for West Reading. In the second stanza Skip Loser hit pay-dirt, and the half ended, 14-14. In the last two minutes, Ammon Heckler bucked over from the two yard line, for the last and winning touchdown. The West Reading gridders completed the season with a record of six victories and three setbacks.

The seniors on the squad are: Bill Focht, Dick Grab, Dale Graeff, Gordon Greene, Milt Hartzell, Ammon Heckler, Conrad Hiester, Phil Hoeffer, Guenther Janssen, Jim Mengel, Benny O'Neill, Don Ratajczak, Dave Schlegel, Theodore Stoudt, Jordon Straub, Alan Williams and Jim Willwerth.

KESSLER SHANER HUBLEY

Hockey Team

FIRST ROW—K. Spangenberg, L. Haehnel, B. Batdorf, B. Hartzell, M. McGrath, J. Cuifici, C. Bailey, B. Wolf. SECOND ROW—Mrs. McCarthy, B. Merget, J. McNear, R. Lelgemann, E. Schnellenbach, M. Drehs, C. Horn, J. Bouchat, T. Borkert, J. Graver, P. Naylor.

For the first time in history, a Berks County Girls' Field Hockey League was organized. Playing eight league games and three extras, West Reading lassies clinched the crown. Of eleven games, they won seven, dead-locked two, and lost two.

In the opening game, the Cowgirls met their toughest opposition—Mohnton. Tilting the Panthers 2-0 set the lassies off to a successful season.

The following game was played on Mt. Penn's new field, and our girls brought home another victory. The results of the remaining games were as follows: West Reading versus the Wilson Prexies, 0-0; Muhlenberg at West Reading, 1-0; West Reading downed the Muhls, 3-0; West Reading dead-locked with Mohnton, 1-1; Wilson bowed to West Reading, 2-0; West Reading at Mt. Penn, 2-0; West Reading host to Shillington, 3-0; and West Reading at Shillington, our only league loss, 0-1. The future aspirants showed their ability in the final game.

The Cowgirls were only scored on twice by their opponents. This was a credit to the strong defense of Coach McCarthy's team.

Constant practice, determination, and fine sportsmanship brought the Cowgirls to the top of the ladder.

Not only did they play in Berks County but in Chester County as well. Here they met the North Coventry Wildcats, who handed them a 1-0 setback.

Barbara Batdorf, captain, Claire Bailey, Mary Drehs, Barbara Hartzell, Myrna McGrath, Beth Merget, Katharine Spangenberg, and Barbara Wolf were the senior members of the team.

This pert and pretty cheering squad could be seen leading the spectators to root for their Alma Mater and keeping up the morale of the West Reading football and basketball teams. The squad of six varsity and five junior varsity girls is under the leadership of Mrs. Agnes McCarthy, girls' athletic director.

If you have attended any of these games, you no doubt noticed the new eye-catching gray jumpers and white blouses emblazoned with the traditional maroon and steel letters.

Many new songs were led by our cheerleaders. For example: "Come on Along", "Wave That Flag Across the Field Boys", and others. We have not only heard new songs, but new cheers as well, two of these being, "Line Up Cheer" and "Bowl 'Em Over". A total of nine songs and seventeen cheers perked the teams to victory.

Next year, this energetic squad will be without the aid of Barbara Hartzell, captain, Gloria Winters, Claire Bailey, and Kitty Spangenberg, the senior members. These four girls, who have been leading our school in song and cheer for several years, were honored at the Annual Football Banquet held at the Berkshire Hotel and were presented with white sweaters for their services.

However, two holdovers, Jean Cuifici and Joanne Graver, will remain with the squad.

The cheerleaders have had a little difficulty in holding practices, since our school is so active in all sports. Still they managed to work them into their busy schedule during Thursday's activity period.

FIRST ROW—M. DiMascio, J. McNear, F. Hettinger, R. Lelgemann, L. Haehnel. SECOND ROW—J. Cuifici, K. Spangenberg, C. Bailey, B. Hartzell, G. Winters, J. Graver, Mrs. McCarthy.

Cheerleaders

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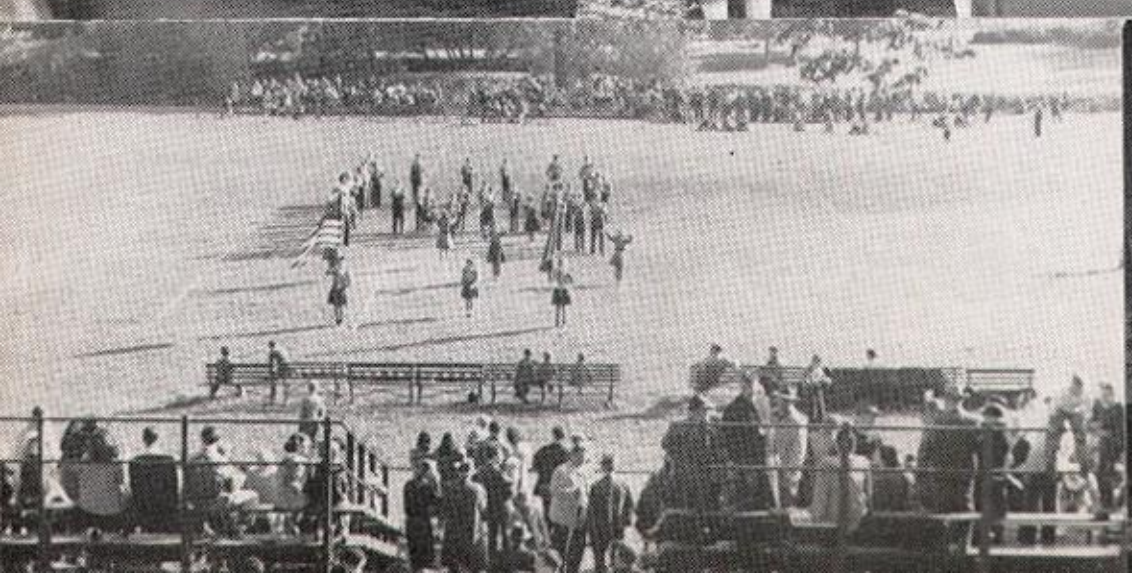

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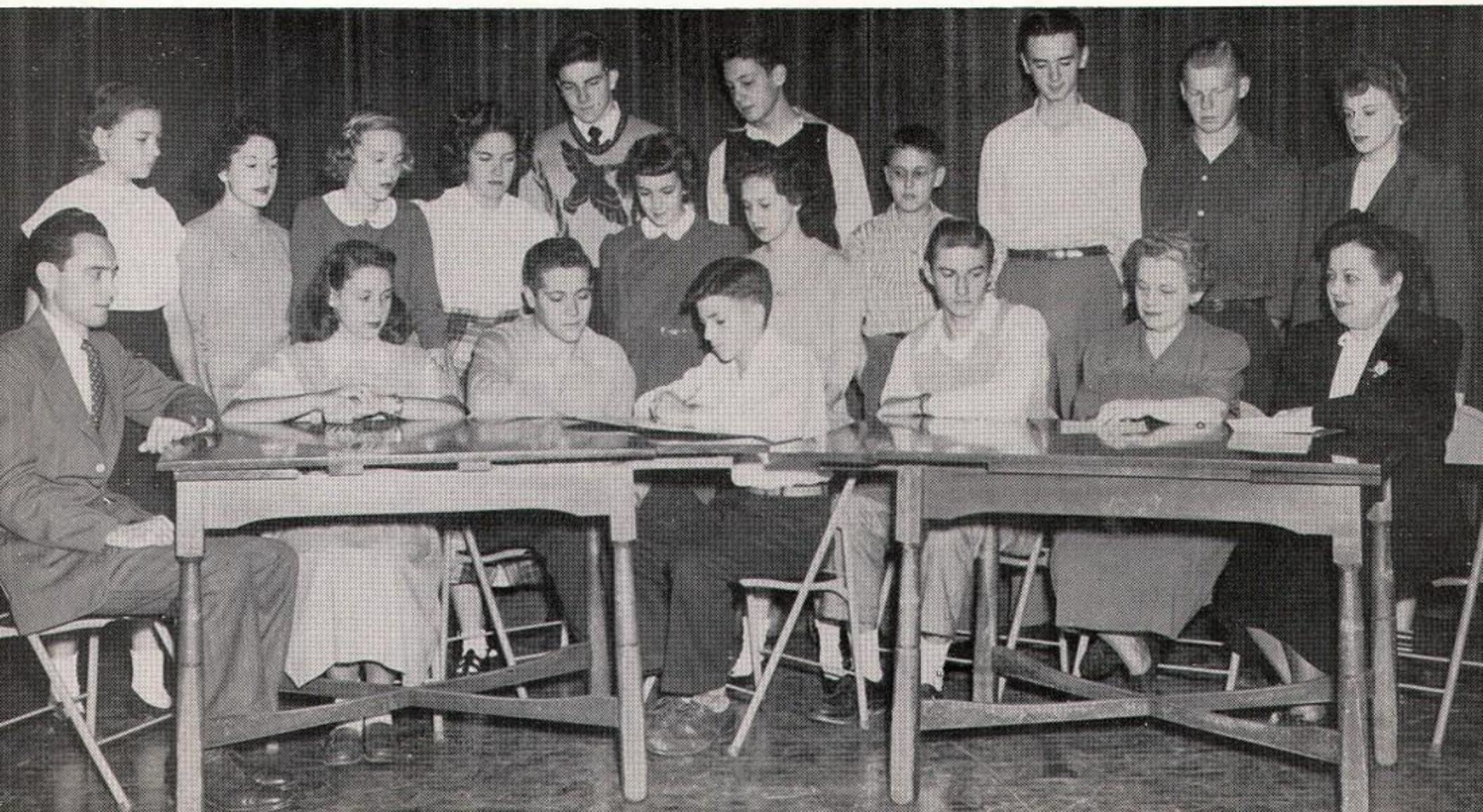
STUDENT COUNCIL

Our student body governs itself in much the same way as does our own country. Each homeroom in the junior and senior high school elects one of its members to represent that room in Student Council. The four officers of Council are elected by the student body as a group. Officers for the 1948-1949 term were: president, Benjamin O'Neill; vice-president, Roger Feeg; secretary, Philip Hower; and treasurer, Carolyn Horn. These officers, as well as the homeroom representatives and the advisors, Mrs. Mary Gresh, Miss Mabel Fritz, and Mr. Forrest Schaeffer, are to be commended for the fine work which they have done this year.

The problems of Student Council are varied and exacting. In order to cope with these tasks, Council has organized eleven standing committees, with a Council member as the chairman of each. Among these Council groups are the Assembly Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the Activities Committee, the Monitors, the Health Committee, and a committee for arranging the school election.

Each year the members of Council choose a project to be worked on during the school term. The project chosen this year was the beautification of the school premises. In addition to this program, Student Council sponsored the Activities Conference, which was held in the late Autumn.

SEATED—Mr. Schaeffer, C. Horn, B. O'Neill, P. Hower, R. Feeg, Mrs. Gresh, Miss Fritz.
STANDING—F. Horn, J. Cuifici, B. Munroe, P. Hessinger, J. Thompson, S. Dauber, P. Hoeffer, M. DiMascio, R. Hussey, N. Metz, J. Rentschler, J. Walker.



HONOR SOCIETY

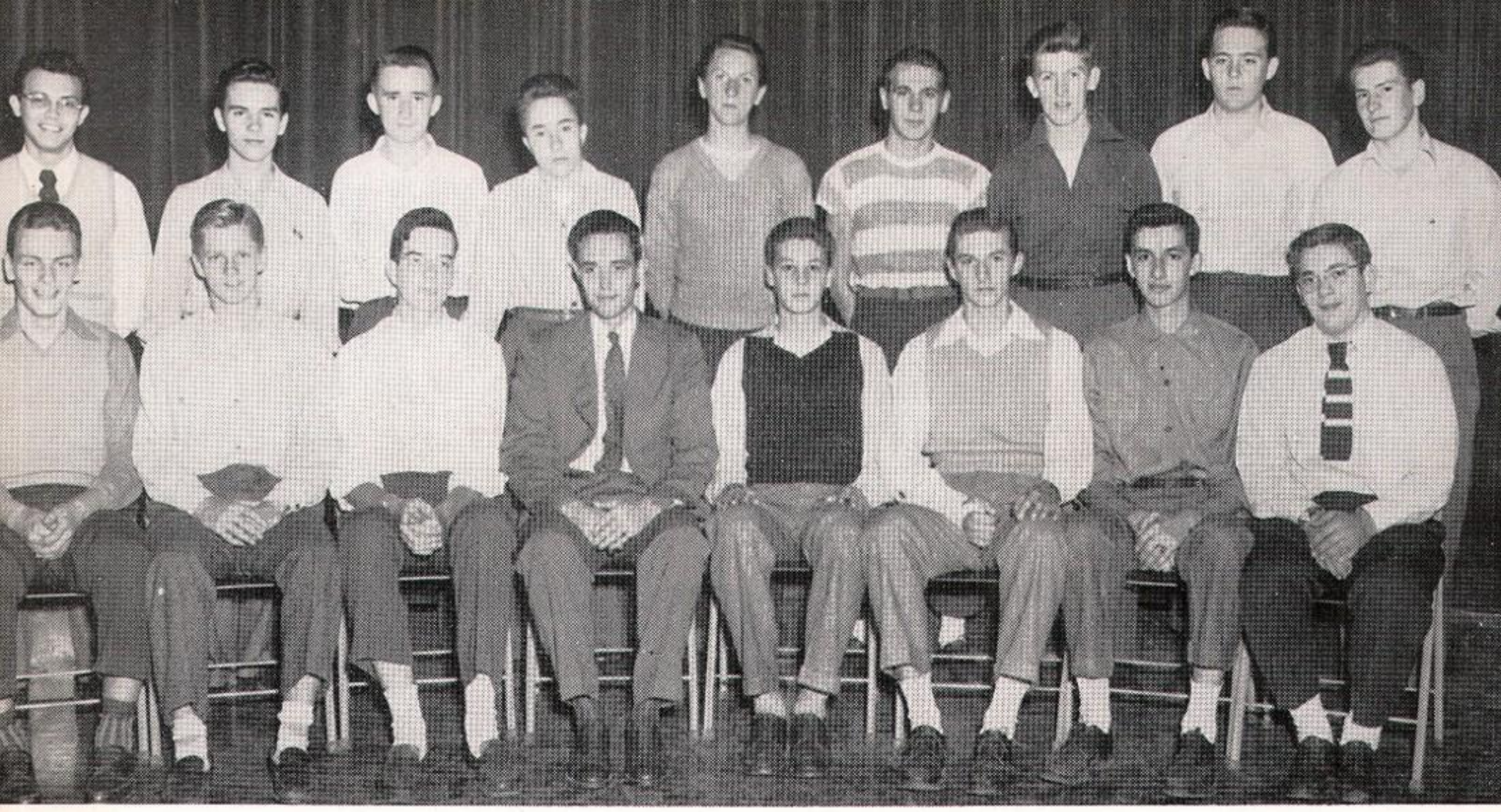
Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor a student can attain in the course of his high school career; for this organization is based upon the principles of Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. The induction of February 11 was the third of the National Honor Society at West Reading High School, and already it has made a lasting impression and proved a definite further incentive toward better scholarship.

West Reading's chapter is divided into two sections—the Junior Honor Society, and the Senior Honor Society. The Junior Society, which is made up of eighth and ninth grade students, is working on a file containing information about all our alumni. Members of the Junior Honor Society are: Robert Cremer, Joseph Piscitelli, Frances Hettinger, Rodney McGrath, Philip Hower, Iris Potteiger, Karl Neuroth, Mary Showers, Bernadine Spangenberg, George Strattan, and Florence Horn.

The Senior Honor Society, composed of eleventh and twelfth grade pupils, claims as officers David Schlegel, president; and Barbara Wolf, secretary-treasurer. The other members are: Barbara Batdorf, Gordon Greene, James Willwerth, Philip Hoeffer, Myrna McGrath, Dolores D'Ercole, Claire Bailey, Barbara Hartzell, Jean Cuifici, Patricia Naylor, Christine Showers, and Doris Richter.

Foremost among the many activities sponsored by the entire group this school term was the Student Activities Conference, co-sponsored with Student Council. As a result of the conference, an All-Berks County Honor Society Dance is being planned to be held at the Rajah Temple. At Christmas, a dance in the school gymnasium was presented, and in March, a play entitled "Flops A-plenty", was given in assembly.

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Gresh, D. D'Ercole, B. Hartzell, D. Schlegel, C. Bailey, B. Wolf, Miss Fritz. SECOND ROW—Mr. Yeich, R. Cremer, J. Beyerle, B. Leightheiser, J. Piscitelli, P. Bailey, Miss Lebaris, J. Rentschler, F. Hettinger, C. Horn, L. Haehnel, J. Shaner, Mr. Naylor.



FIRST ROW—J. Willwerth, D. Schlegel, J. Killian, Mr. Schaeffer, P. Hoeffer, R. Feeg. J. Killian, D. Smith. SECOND ROW—T. Manzolillo, R. Rickenbach, H. Klinger, T. Harkins, E. Borneman, W. Focht, G. Bright, R. Stout, G. Weidner.

Hi-Y

This year, Hi-Y assumed an increasingly important role in our school, beginning early in the year when, with the assistance of Y-Teens, they brought Mr. Cameron Beck, through the courtesy of the Y. M. C. A., to speak before the assembly.

Under the capable guidance of Mr. Forrest Schaeffer and Mr. Marlin Kessler, the Hi-Y held many enjoyable and enlightening functions including: gym night, guidance clinics, bringing in guest speakers, combined meetings with Y-Teens, and regular business meetings. The Hi-Y also supplied the labor for the school's spring planting program.

One of the highlights of the year for the Hi-Y came in May when, with the Y-Teens, they staged a gala banquet.

Philip Hoeffer presided over the group for the second consecutive year, while Roger Feeg served as vice-president, and Jack Shaner as secretary-treasurer.

The members of the Hi-Y, many of whom were absent when the picture was taken, are: Theodore Stoudt, Harold Klinger, Philip Bailey, Ronald Stoudt, Thomas Manzolillo, Joseph Killian, Jack Shaner, Andrew Gray, Thomas Harkin, John Thompson, James Rentschler, Roger Feeg, Milton Hartzell, David Smith, Gerald Bright, Douglass McDonald, and Jay Beyerle.

"To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians," was the goal of the fifty-six sophomore, junior, and senior girls who comprise Y-Teens. This group, governed by the Y-Teen cabinet, claimed as its officers, Beth Merget, president; Mary Drehs, vice-president; Claire Bailey, secretary; and Gloria Winters, treasurer.

The Y-Teens, under the direction of Miss Mary Ann McDonald and Miss Anastacea S. Lebaris, had social, business, and service meetings.

Y-Teens held their annual W.P.A. dance, "Ocean Fantasy," November 2, at which time the results of the laborious efforts of the group in decorating were witnessed and appreciated by all who attended. Chairmen of the various committees were: Doris Richter, publicity; Joanne Graver, refreshments; Barbara Hartzell, social; Barbara Batdorf, program; Christine Showers, worship; Barbara Wolf, membership; Dolores D'Ercole, service; Catherine Gerhart, historian.

Under the chairmanship of Dolores D'Ercole, this group packed twenty twenty-pound packages of clothing to be sent through the Help the Children Federation to needy children in the United States.

Other events held by the group were an exchange meeting with Wyomissing, combined meetings with Hi-Y, the collection of gift boxes at Christmas, a hoedown, a visit to Maier's Bakery, Bell Telephone, and Metropolitan-Edison, a covered dish social, etc. To wind up the active calendar of the year, the Y-Teens with the assistance of Hi-Y held their annual banquet.

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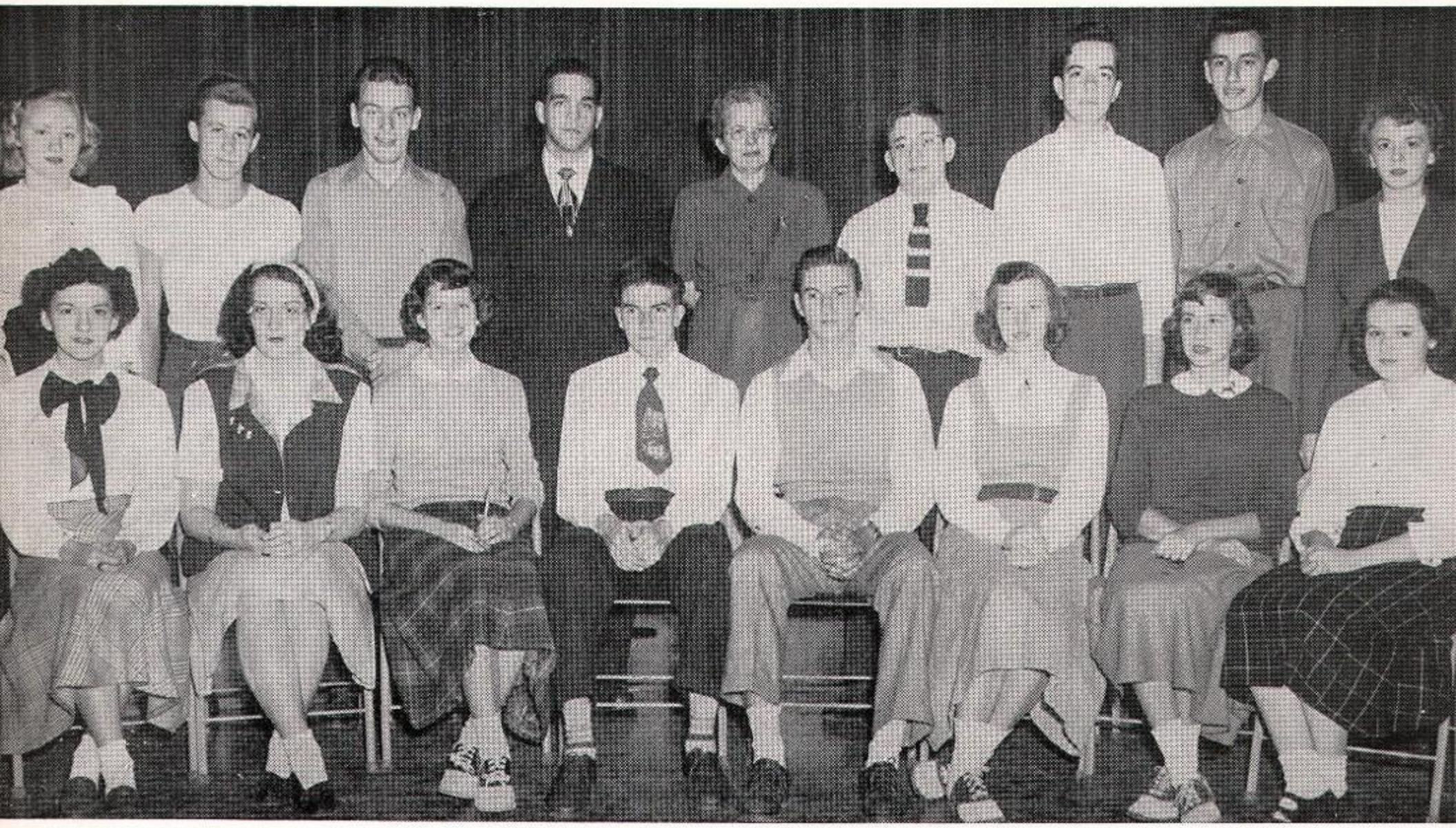
CABINET

FIRST ROW—C. Gerhart, B. Wolf, K. Spangenberg, D. D'Ercole, M. Drehs, C. Bailey, B. Merget, G. Winters, B. Hartzell, J. Walker, B. Batdorf, J. Graver, D. Richter. SECOND ROW—D. Witman, M. Blankenbiller, F. Weidenheimer, D. Siegfried, G. D'Ercole, M. Kern, Miss McDonald, Miss Lebaris, M. McGrath, N. Giamo, B. Churan, G. Ohrin, J. Rowley, E. Noecker, P. Miller. THIRD ROW—M. Rankey, P. Ditzler, D. Beidler, L. Strattan, D. Dissinger, J. Crocona, J. Spang, J. Bouchat, M. Albert, B. Munroe, J. Cuifici, T. Borkert, G. Johnston, S. Feick. LAST ROW—M. Haas, S. Luckenbill, J. Grimm, B. Geiss, I. Kreuzer, J. Flickinger, J. Pleam, J. Lavigna, P. Naylor, C. Showers, L. Haehnel, C. Horn, R. Lelgemann.

MONITORS



FIRST ROW—J. Grimm, P. Ephlin, C. Showers, J. Thompson, R. Feeg, P. Naylor, D. Richter, S. Feick. SECOND ROW—B. Geiss, G. Busch, J. Willwerth, Mr. Hubley, Mrs. Gresh, D. Smith, Joseph Killian, James Killian, J. Walker.

The monitor system of West Reading High School, under the direction of a committee from the student council, is composed of twenty members, selected from the junior and senior classes. A member of student council is given the task of heading the monitor system, and is aided in his work by officers elected by members of the monitor staff. This year John Thompson was the council representative chosen chairman of the monitor system; James Willwerth was elected vice-chairman, and Patricia Naylor secretary-treasurer. Mr. Martin Hubley and Mrs. Mary E. Gresh were the faculty advisors of the group.

The monitors worked hard throughout the year to maintain order in the halls and to facilitate the changing of classes. The monitor court was eliminated, and has been replaced by a system of student cooperation. This was done to prove the theory of the monitors that their organization is not a policing body, but is an aid in improving conditions in the corridors, and in making it easier for students to pass from class to class.

A covered dish dinner in March, and an outing near the end of the school term, were the two social functions held by the monitors this year. The monitor staff received a great deal of pleasure from these affairs, and they helped to make membership in the monitor system enjoyable.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Bolton, F. Hettinger, J. Cuifici, T. Borkert, J. Cuifici, Mr. Seidel. SECOND ROW—N. Chapman, A. Cherico, L. Hagenbuch, G. Witwer, D. McAlees. LAST ROW—Joseph Killian, James Killian, W. Greenleese.

One of the major branches of our Student Council is the Assembly Committee. The Committee is composed of one representative from each homeroom in the junior and senior high school, with a Council member serving as chairman. The chairman this year was Jean Cuifici, and Mrs. Helen Bolton and Mr. Richard Seidel acted in the capacity of advisors.

The main functions of the group include lining up sponsors for our assemblies, and giving practical suggestions for the improvement of our assembly programs. The committee also prepared a seating chart at the beginning of the year, and assigned each homeroom a certain section of seats in the auditorium.

The most difficult job of the group is that of arranging the assembly programs in a satisfactory sequence to provide the maximum interest and variety. Each year the committee tries to do more and more to better our assemblies. They have made admirable progress in the few years that they have been organized, and it is the hope of all that they may continue to do as well in the future. The representatives from each room were:

12-1	James Killian
12-2	Joseph Killian
11-1	William Greenlease
11-2	Tina Borkert
10-1	Nissley Chapman
10-2	Barbara Churan
9-1	Gerald Witwer
9-2	Frances Hettinger
8-1	Lynn Ann Hagenbuch
8-2	Jacqueline Cuifici
7-1	Anthony Chirico
7-2	Danny McAlees

VAQUERO

To provide a written and pictorial review of the various activities of the student body and faculty of West Reading High School is the purpose of the 1949 Vaquero. In addition, we hope that it will furnish a link with the past for its readers in the future. It is the goal and earnest wish of every member of the staff that this edition of the Vaquero be as successful as those of the preceding years.

The members of the staff wish to express their appreciation to all the students and faculty members who so generously gave their time and help, and particularly wish to thank Miss Anastacea Lebaris, our faculty advisor, for her always willing, friendly, and invaluable aid.

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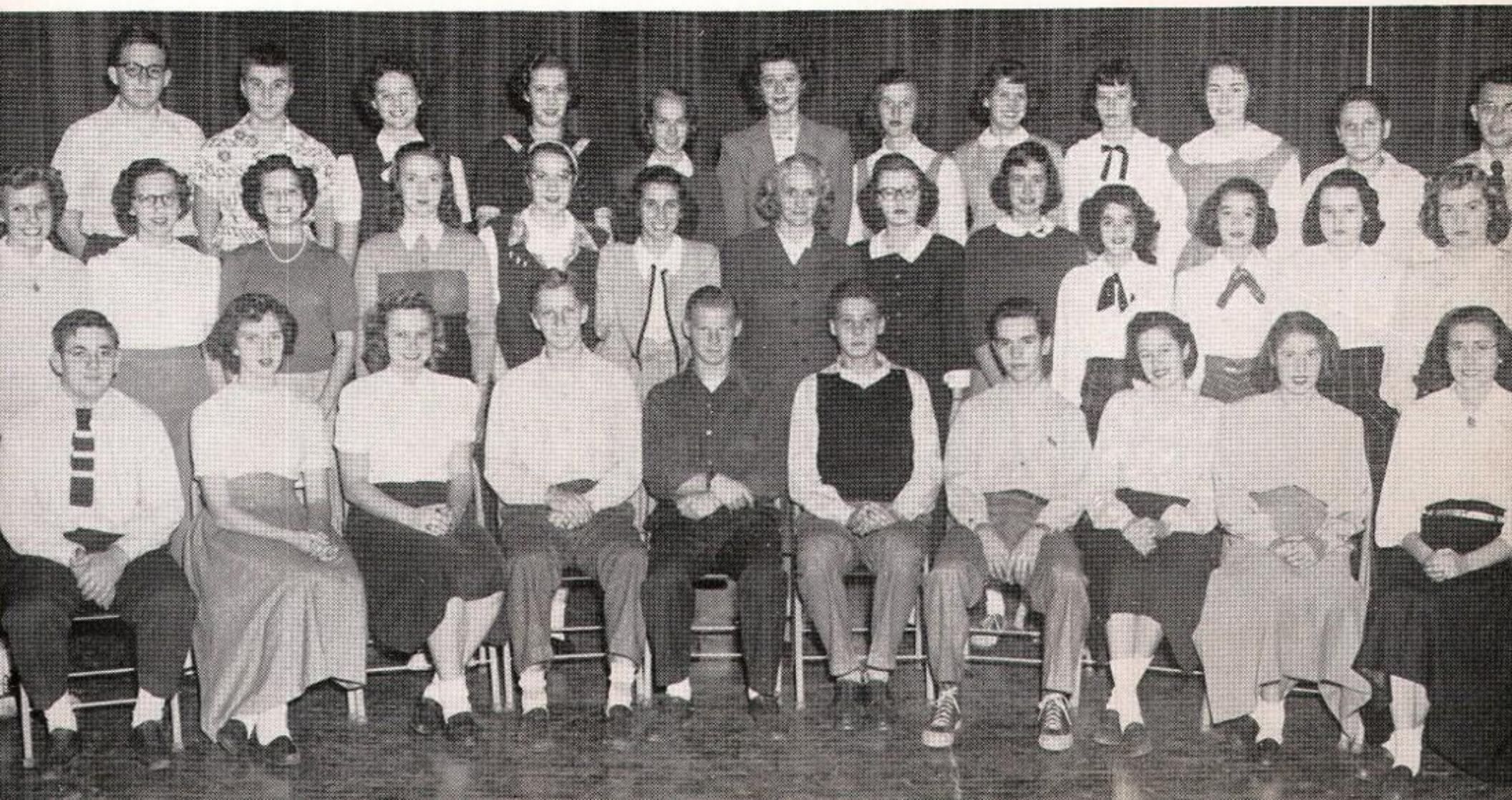
This spring the Lariat celebrated its eighth year as the hub of West Reading High School's journalistic wheel. In these eight years, it has grown from a student mimeographed newspaper to the present professionally printed one.

This year saw something new instituted in connection with the workings of the Lariat. Members of the ninth grade interested in becoming members of the staff were formed into a group known as the Lariat Cubs, meeting every Tuesday under Mrs. Helen Bolton, Lariat advisor, in order to further their knowledge of journalism. This group's project was one issue of a mimeographed newspaper, modeled after the Lariat.

Led by their capable editor, Philip Hoeffer, the Lariat Staff published seventeen issues during the school year, meeting the demands for every type article ranging from accurately recorded news to the gossipy "Have You".

The Lariat's activities not only concerned the running of the bi-weekly paper. The editors, along with Mrs. Bolton, attended a press convention, from which they obtained many helpful pointers. The Lariat picnic, resumed after a laps of three years, provided some well-earned relaxation for the staff.

FIRST ROW—D. Smith, B. Merget, C. Bailey, D. Schlegel, J. Rentschler, P. Hoeffer, R. Richenbach, M. McGrath, B. Batdorf, D. D'Ercole. SECOND ROW—B. Hartzell, B. Wolf, K. Spangenberg, R. Lelgemann, P. Ephlin, G. D'Ercole, Mrs. Bolton, D. Witman, D. Richter, J. Graver, G. Johnston, S. Feick, M. Haas. LAST ROW—R. Stout, B. Brown, L. Haehnel, I. Kreuzer, H. Lebo, J. Pleam, P. Naylor, C. Showers, S. Luckenbill, M. Drehs, R. Leisey, T. Manzolillo.



One of the most notable organizations to emerge from our daily activity period was the school band. Many fine instrumentalists, under the capable leadership of Mr. Homer Barthold, met on Wednesday and Thursday activity periods to combine their talents and become quite a sizeable, forty-two piece organization.

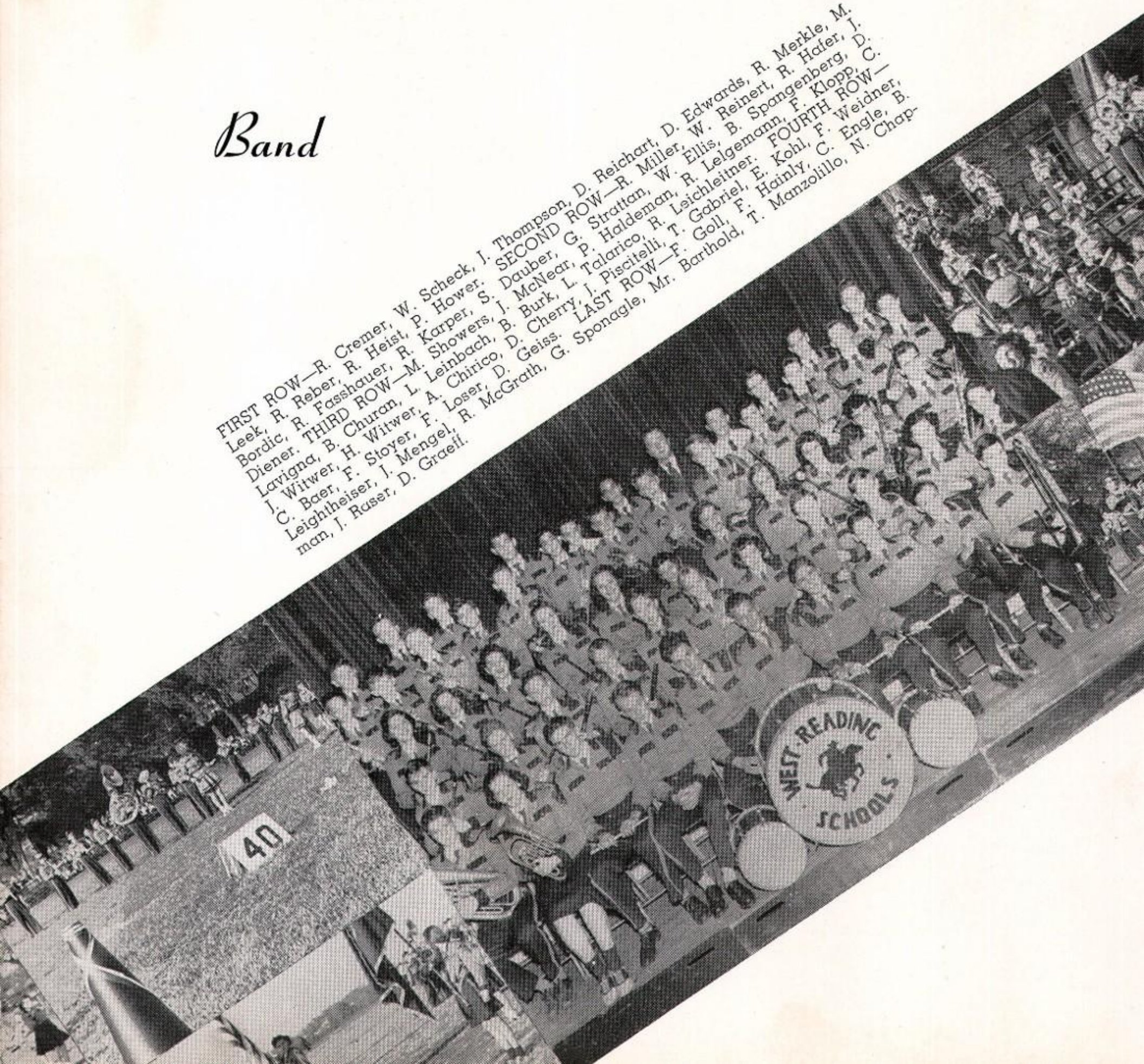
As a marching group, the band has proven its ability to combine effectively in the snappy maroon and steel uniforms provided by the school band fund. This fund has been maintained by the profits from a Curtis Magazine Campaign and the concert of the combined musical organizations of our school on May 5.

The band has provided stirring marches at football games and also boosted our spirits at basketball games. It was always on hand to give a peppy send-off to members of the swimming team or conference representatives to other schools.

Through the courtesy of the P. T. A., our band was treated to the U. S. Marine Band concert in November, and Mr. Harry E. Potteiger also provided the group with tickets to a concert of the U. S. Navy Band on April 27.

Members of this organization who participated in the All-County Band concert at Birdsboro on December 4 were as follows: Fred Stoyer, Fred Loser, David Diener, Donald Cherry, Robert Lechleitner, and John Raser.

Band



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FIRST ROW—R. McGrath, L. Strattan, P. Haldeman, J. Thompson, D. Reichert, R. Reber, C. Schnellenbach, G. Janssen, D. Diener, J. Beyerle. SECOND ROW—C. Engle, D. Cherry, P. Bailey, B. Leightheiser, F. Stoyer, F. Loser, G. Sponagle, N. Chapman, D. Geiss, J. Raser, D. Graeff. LAST ROW—J. Piscitelli, B. Spangenberg, Mr. Barthold, R. Cremer, S. Feick, N. Herb, J. Mengel, R. Lechleitner, L. Talarico, C. Baer, M. Leek, R. Ellis, W. Scheck.

Orchestra

The earnest group of musicians which meets every Monday during Activity Period is none other than our own high school Orchestra. They can be seen and heard every Friday morning in assembly. The orchestra is composed of students from both junior and senior high school, as well as from sixth grade. The orchestra was successful in placing several of its members in the All-County Orchestra. The orchestra numbers thirty-four able musicians, many of whom have been members of this organization for as many as six years. This group is under the progressive supervision of Mr. Homer Barthold, instrumental music director at West Reading High School. In addition to playing in assemblies, the orchestra also provides music for both the Junior and Senior Class Plays, Class Night, Commencement, and P.T.A. programs.

In conjunction with the MacDowell Choral Club, the orchestra presented a Night of Music for the purpose of obtaining funds to purchase gowns for the members of the MacDowell Chorus. One of the newer outgrowths of the orchestra is the dance orchestra, which has provided music for two Senior Sport Hops, as well as for the dance which followed the Student Activities Conference, held in our gymnasium.

MacDowell Chorus

FIRST ROW—L. Strattan, D. Dissinger, M. Mentzer, C. Gerhart, C. Ernst, H. Lebo, J. Engle, J. Rowley, M. Haas. SECOND ROW—M. Blankenbiller, J. Flickinger, B. Churan, B. Munroe, J. Porrecco, J. Graver, T. Borkert, G. Fuicci, J. Cuifici, P. Miller, J. Spang, G. Johnston, R. Nagle, M. Albert, N. Giamo. THIRD ROW—H. Bewley, A. Moyer, J. Campitelli, D. Siegfried, G. Ciervo, J. Lavigna, C. Showers, B. Geiss, J. Grimm, S. Luckenbill, Mr. Seidel. FOURTH ROW—B. Leightheiser, D. Edwards, N. Herb, G. Ohrin, P. Naylor, M. Stoudt, S. Feick, M. Kullman, D. Werner, D. Beidler, R. Lelgemann, C. Horn, N. Homan, J. Rentschler. LAST ROW—W. Greenleese, J. Thompson, T. Cardinal, J. Raser, R. Stout, R. Lechleitner, N. Chapman, D. Graeff, T. Manzolillo, G. Bright, R. Feeg, G. Busch, J. Shaner, D. McDonald, W. Naugle.

The MacDowell Choral Club, under the able direction of its originator, Mr. Richard D. Seidel, has completed another year of successful music engagements. This group, which has increased considerably in size and now boasts a membership of sixty-six vocalists, presented many enjoyable musical selections in assemblies, concerts, and P. T. A. Meetings. Having been in the audience during any of these programs, you will undoubtedly recall the unusual vocal talent its members displayed and also the club's fine presentation of the "Nutcracker Suite" at the annual school spring concert on May 5.

Our choral club also provided the music on a "Your Community and You" broadcast this past fall, in which West Reading high school pupils were the principal participants.

At Christmas time "MacDowell", as it is commonly called, favored patients at the Reading Hospital and our student body and faculty, with the familiar strains of appropriate songs for that season by caroling through the halls and singing at the Christmas assemblies.

Several members of the choral club were selected to participate in the All-County Chorus at Kutztown High School on April 23. The following persons represented West Reading at that annual concert: Louise Strattan, Jean Cuifici, Helen Lebo, Joan Grimm, Mary Ellen Haas, Margaret Kullman, William Greenleese, Christopher Ernst, Bernard Leightheiser, Dale Graeff, Catherine Gerhart, Nancy Herb, Shirley Feick, Roger Feeg, John Thompson, Douglas McDonald, and Robert Lechleitner.

Officers elected at the beginning of the term to perform the executive duties of the organization were as follows: President, Christopher Ernst; Vice-President, Catherine Gerhart; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Lebo; Librarians, Barbara Churan and Gloria Fiucci.

Junior Chorus

FIRST ROW—F. Bohn, J. Gift, L. Battiato, E. Bewley, P. Hessinger, S. Potteiger, I. Potteiger, R. Cardinal, M. Showers, N. Piscitelli, S. Bewley, J. Gift, F. Klopp, R. Karper. SECOND ROW—J. Williams, P. Fletcher, S. Swoyer, S. Dauber, B. Nelson, R. Howe, M. Scholl, A. DaMore, F. Hettinger, J. McNear, W. Heister, J. Bortel, M. Brunner, P. Herb, Mr. Seidel. THIRD ROW—M. Wertz, S. Borst, S. Green, L. Stoudt, B. Reber, L. Weller, S. Wade, J. Speace, L. Leinbach, J. Auge, B. Mentzer, D. Beidler. LAST ROW—S. Bast, P. Moyer, J. Fisher, N. Haldeman, F. Levan, V. Stamen, D. Weidenheimer, M. Auge, A. Culpepper, L. Hagenbuch, R. Karper.

Did you know that the group of junior high school vocalists who presented the fine assembly program this spring was our Junior Chorus? These girls, directed by Mr. Richard D. Seidel, completed a very successful year of participation in music activities, making their initial appearance of the season at the fall concert, "Evening of Music." Over the Christmas season, the chorus was heard singing Christmas carols over the amplification system during the noon hour, and caroling through the halls of the high school and grade school buildings.

These members of the Junior Chorus were sent to represent West Reading High in the All-County Chorus Concert presented at Kutztown High School this spring: Frances Hettinger, Fern Klopp, Anna Rose Damore, Mildred Brunner, Joan McNear, and Mildred Auge.

Rita Cardinal presided over this group of enthusiastic vocalists, Iris Potteiger acted as vice-president, and Mary Showers recorded the minutes and handled the finances of this group. Dawn Beidler served as accompanist.

Junior Prom

With a background of silver stars and pine trees, the members of the junior class held their annual Junior Prom in the school gymnasium on December 29, 1948. The dance was appropriately named the "Starlight Ball", and all who attended were impressed by the beautiful decorations. Music was provided by Saxy Shollenberger and his orchestra.

The success of the prom was largely due to the extensive preparations of the class members and the advisors, Miss Anastacea S. Lebaris and Mr. Forrest Schaeffer.

The dance committee was composed of Fred Stoyer, Doris Richter, Jerry Busch, Joanne Graver, Robert Lechleitner, and Charles Cardinal.

Freshmen-Sophomore Dance

February 2 found the gym of West Reading High School gaily decorated with streamers, balloons, and confetti; characteristic of the Mardi Gras festival of New Orleans. On this date, Johnny Barker's orchestra provided music for the freshman-sophomore annual formal dance.

Due to the efforts of general chairmen, James Rentschler and Robert Cremer and their committees, the evening proved very enjoyable for all those attending. Committee chairmen were: Fred Betz, refreshments; Bonnie Munroe, decorations; Thomas Cardinal, tickets; Joan Crocona, program; Ruth Leigemann, tallies.

Faculty advisors of the dance were Mrs. Helen Bolton, Miss Mabel Fritz, Mr. Martin Hubley, and Mr. Marlin Kessler; and the following acted as chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. James Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hower, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hettinger, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Eben Beyerle.

SOCIAL

EVENTS

Senior Class Play

"Dear Ruth," the hilarious three act comedy play staged by the Seniors on January 27, was packed with thrills and laughter for the audience from beginning to end.

The plot begins when Ruth's teen-age sister, Miriam, wrote love letters to Bill Seawright, a bomber pilot, and signed Ruth's name. Upon returning, Bill immediately went to see Ruth, who is engaged to a 4-F accountant, Albert Kummer. The situation becomes more and more involved when Bill's buddy, Sergeant Vincent, meets his ex-fiancee, Martha Seawright. These two stage their own show and add a bit more comedy to the plot. However, all ends well, for Ruth runs away with the Lieutenant, leaving her family in a most ludicruous position.

The cast included Gloria Winters as Ruth; Dorace Witman, Mrs. Wilkins; James Willwerth, Mr. Wilkins; Barbara Wolf, Miriam; David Schlegel, Lieutenant Seawright; Dale Graeff, Albert Kummer; Philip Hoeffer, Sergeant Chuck Vincent; Barbara Batdorf, Martha Seawright; Mary Drehs, Dora, the maid; James Killian, Harold Klobbermeyer.

Junior Class Play

This year the Class of '50 presented "Meet Me In St. Louis", a three act comedy, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Brunner and Mrs. Mabel Gerhart.

The setting for the play was St. Louis in 1904, the year of the first World Fair. The story centers around the four sisters of the Smith family. Mr. Smith announces that the family will move to New York. This decision only adds to the sisters' distress; for they already have more than enough worries about their beaux.

In addition to these affairs, the sisters also manage the life of their only brother, Lon. When he becomes interested in a flirtatious New York girl, they resort to a hilarious series of stratagems that result in a surprising finale.

The four sisters were portrayed by Christine Showers, Josephine Rowley, Jean Cuifici, and Joanne Graver. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were David Smith and Susanne Luckenbill. Roger Feeg and Andrew Gray played the parts of the boy friends. Lon was played by Jerry Busch. Rounding out the cast were: Grandpa Prophater, Bill Greenleese; Katie, Jacqueline Lavigna; Mrs. Waughop, Joan Grimm; Ida Boothly, Tina Borkert; Lucille Pentard, Louise Strattan; Mr. Dodge, John Thompson; and Mr. Duffy, Lewis Runkle.

The Girls' Sextet is a very new music organization; this year completing its second year of existence in West Reading High School. Louise Strattan, Mary Ellen Haas, Joan Grimm, Helen Lebo, Jean Cuifici, Margaret Kullman, and Nancy Herb, accompanist, completed a very busy year of furnishing our school as well as many outside organizations with vocal music on many occasions.

Throughout the holiday season, the Sextet sang Christmas carols over the amplification system during the noon hour. Station WHUM made tape recordings for later broadcasts, and the girls sang over Station WEEU on several occasions; thus receiving much radio experience.

The local churches were also visited by the Sextet who frequently joined in singing several selections with the Boys' Quartet; also a new vocal music group formed only last year.

The girls in this group, who are also members of the MacDowell Choral Club, sang as part of the program in the fall concert, "Evening of Music" presented by the vocal music department of our school.

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Girls' Sextet

Boys' Quartet

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This foursome was originated to become a permanent branch of the MacDowell Chorus, and has thus far met with splendid success. This year two of its members, Dale Graeff and Christopher Ernst, will be graduated, leaving two vacancies in the group, to be filled from the great variety of talent found among the members of the Chorus now in their Sophomore and Junior years.

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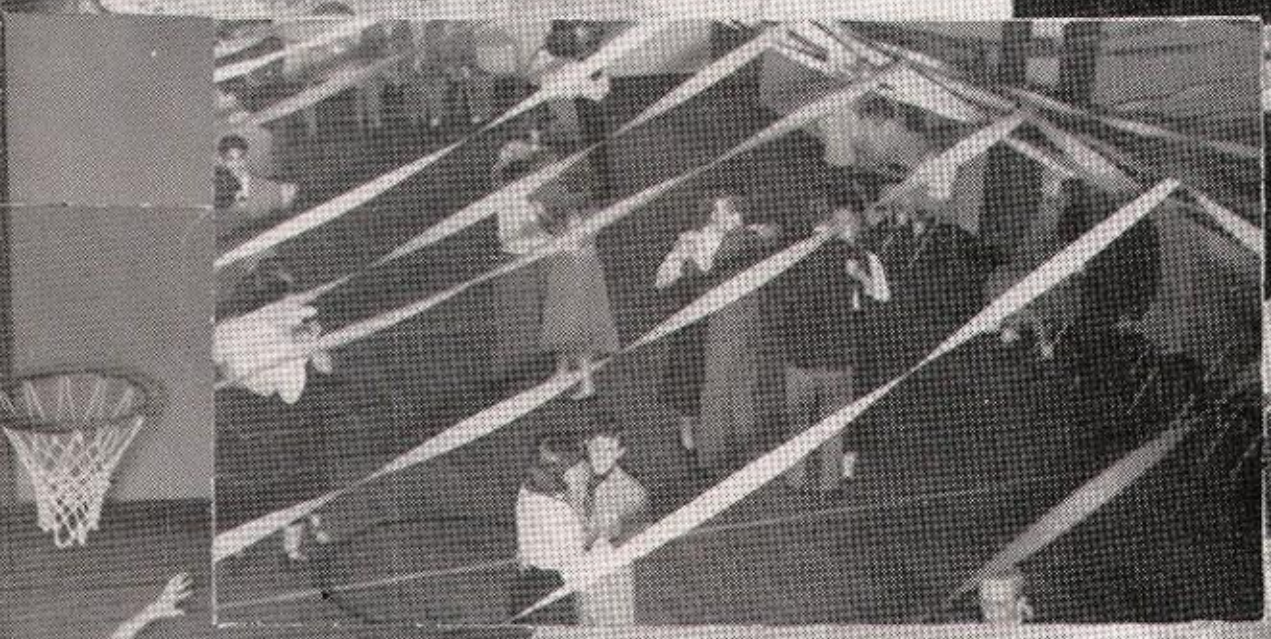

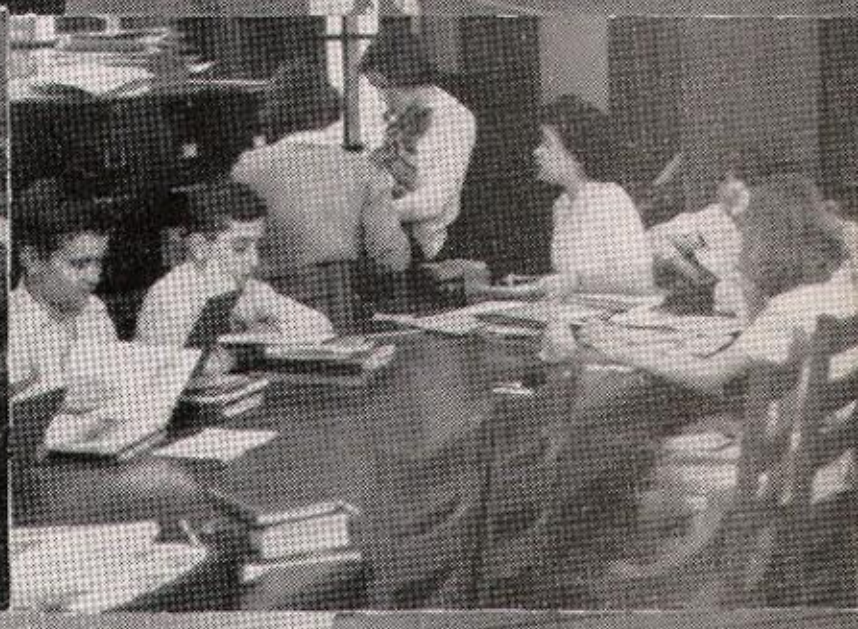

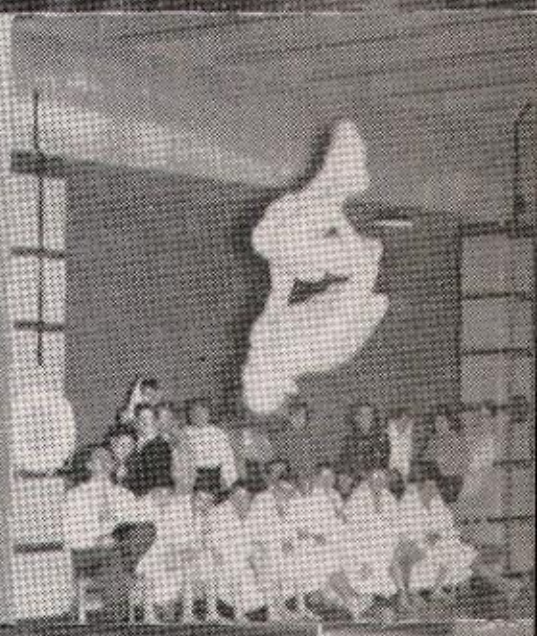

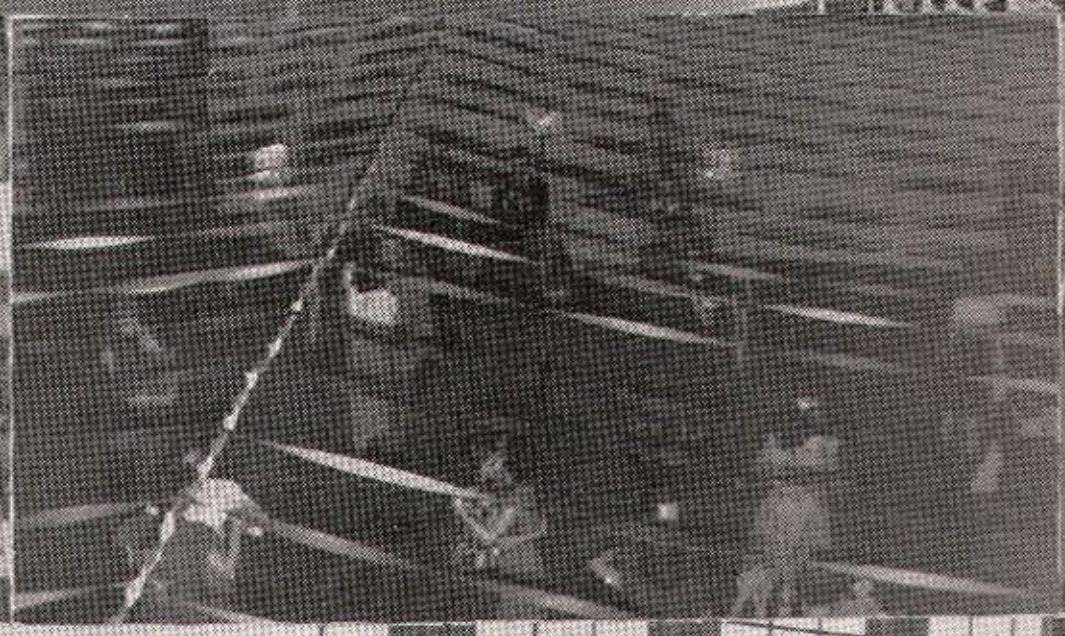

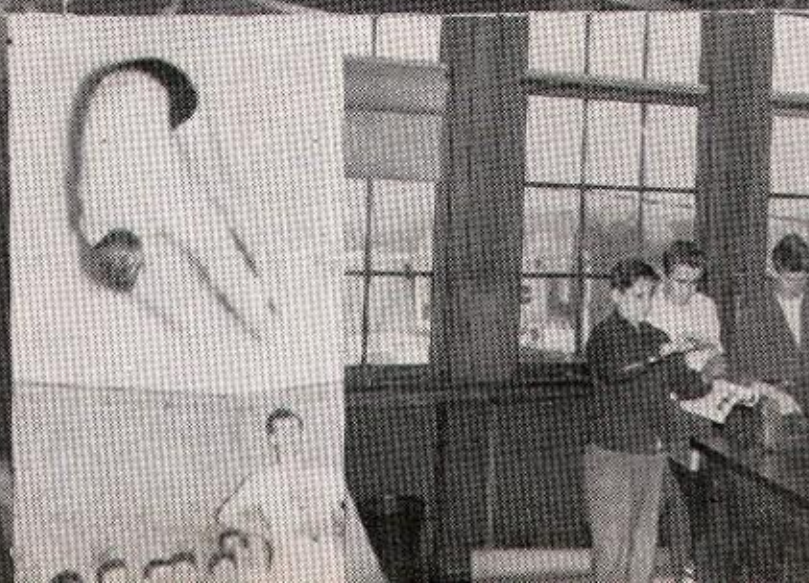

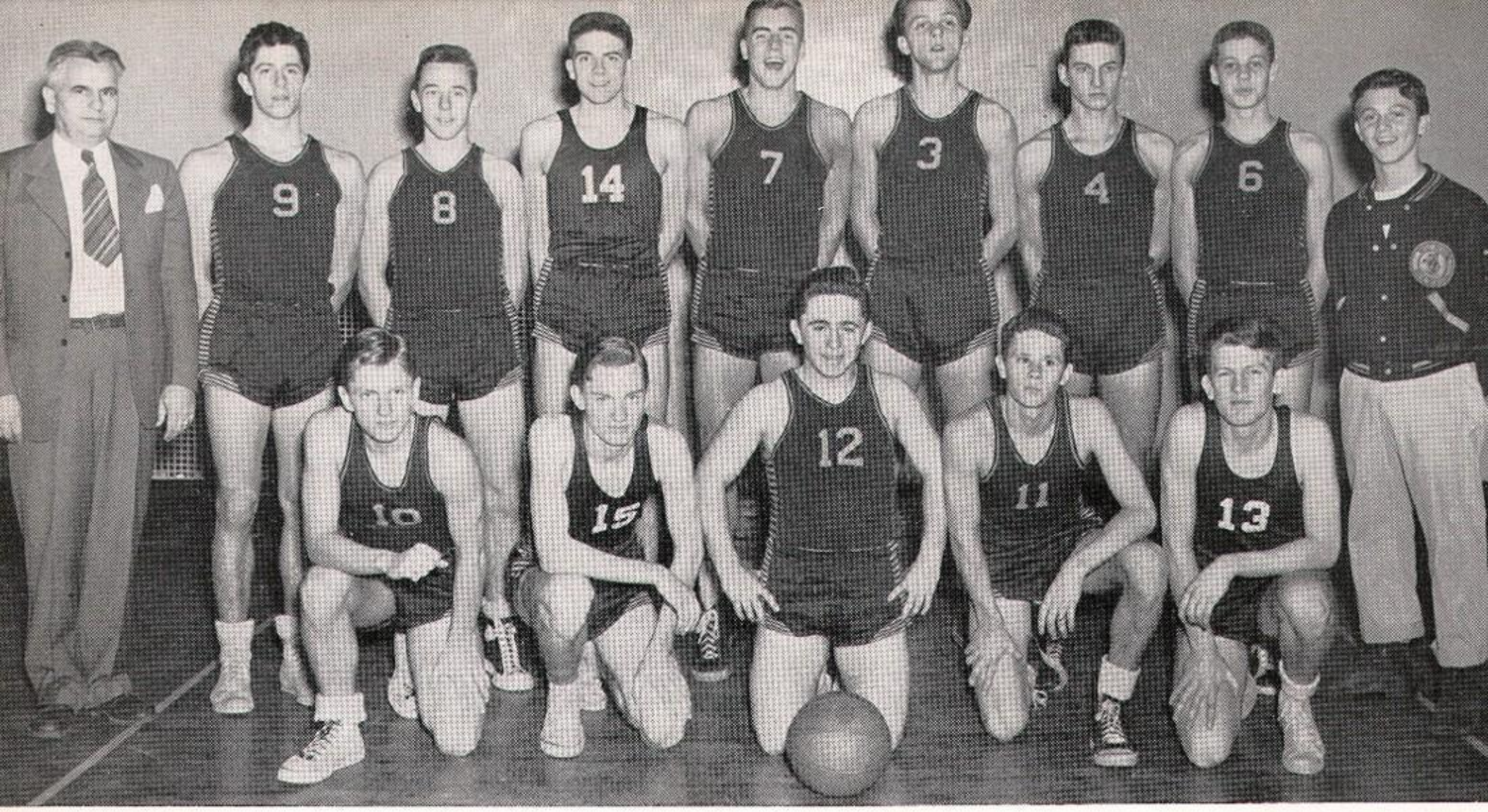

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Varsity Basketball

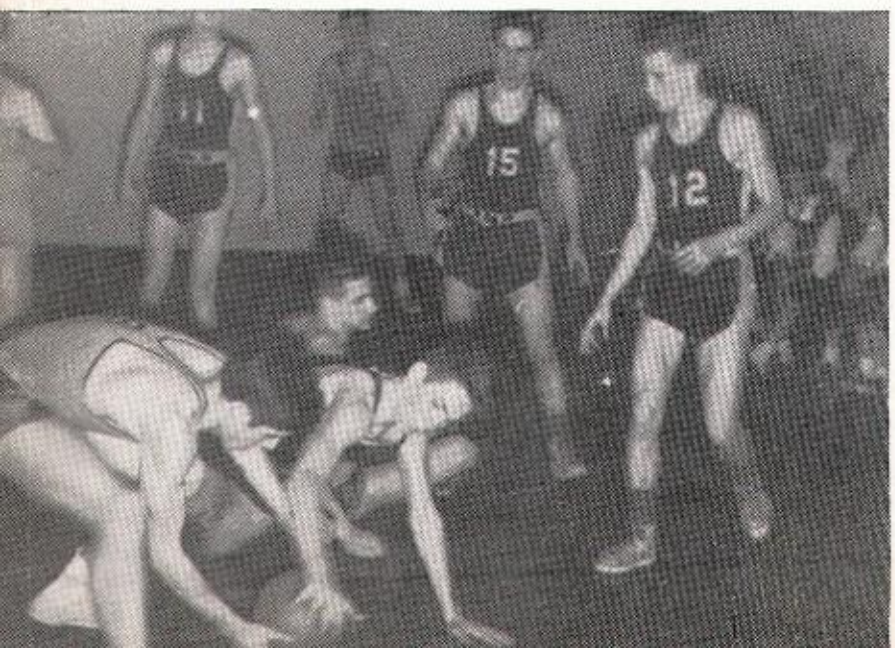
Coach John Shaner's West Reading Varsity deadlocked with Wyomissing for sixth place in the Central Division standings at the end of the 1948-1949 basketball season. The Shanermen posted a card of five wins and nine defeats, the reverse of last year's Varsity record.

In the points-scored department, West Reading bucketed 529 markers against 576 for their opponents. (The best effort of the season was against Mt. Penn, in which they scored 46 points. This game went into an extra period, and the Cowboys bowed, 56-46.)

Sharp-shooting Dave Schlegel combined 57 field goals and 37 aces for a total of 151 points. His 31 markers in the Shillington game was the highest individual score in the Central Division this year. Second place honors went to Milt Hartzell, who amassed 39 goals and 20 free throws for 98 points. Don Ratajczak, Roger Feeg, and Ammon Heckler also ranked high in point production.

The Varsity season was more successful than the statistics show, for several of our losses were by one or two points. The Cowboys upset the highly-favored Wilson Prexies by a 39-34 margin. The Mt. Penn basketeers also fell to the West Reading shocktroops, the score being 42-26.

With six Varsity holdovers, and several additions from the fourth place Junior Varsity, John Shaner will have ample material from which to produce a winning squad next year.



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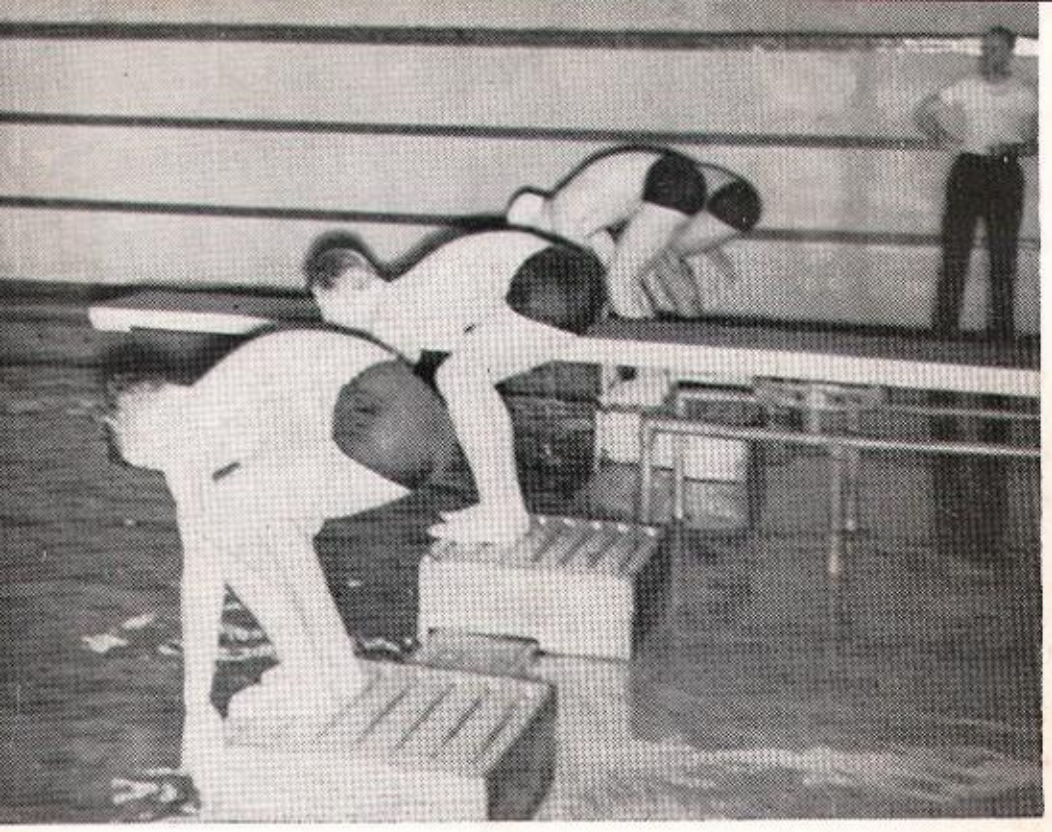

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Activities of this Association were instructed by Mr. John Shaner and Mrs. Agnes McCarthy, physical education instructors.

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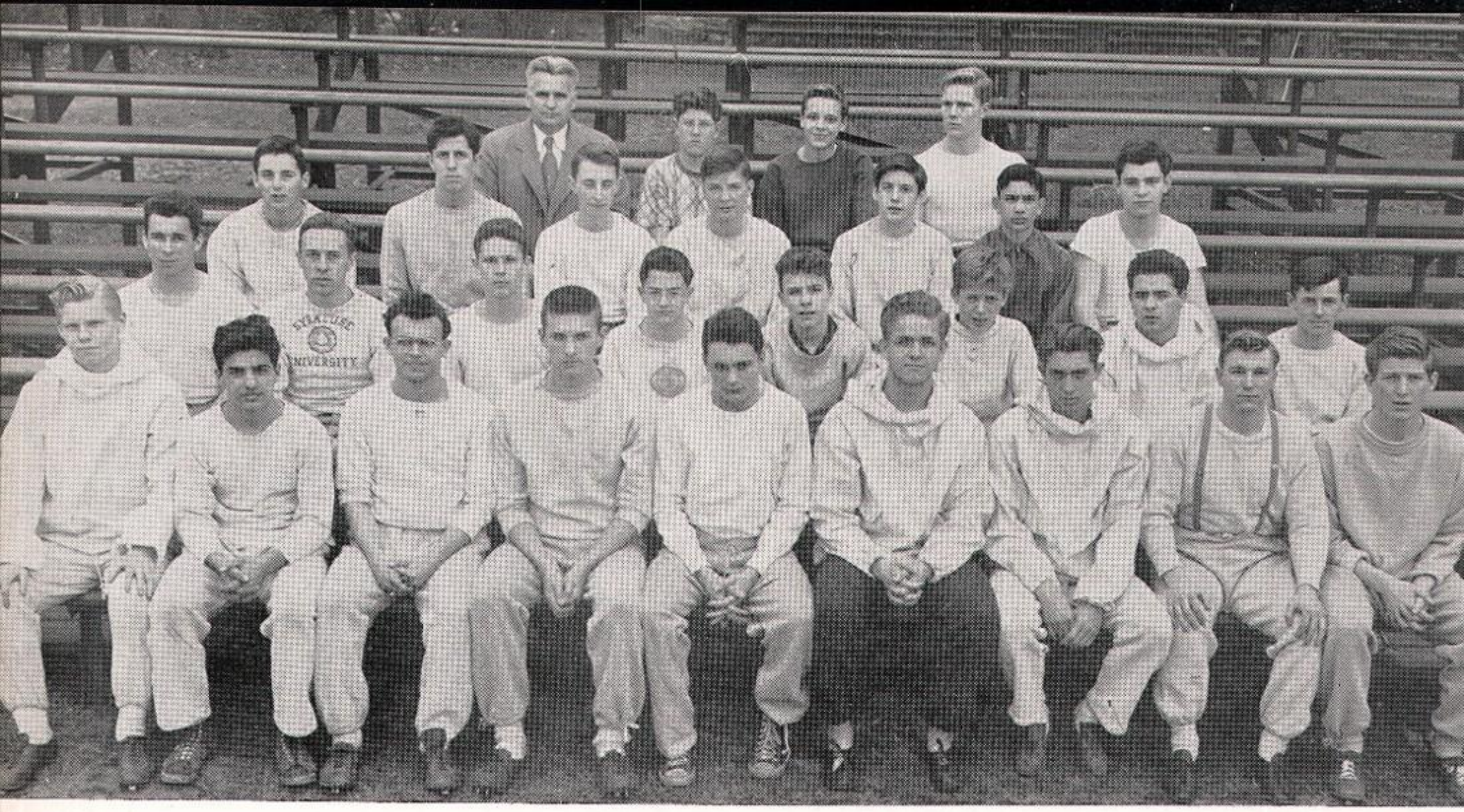

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Track Team

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SCHEDULE

Squad Track Meet—Jr.-Sr.—April 1.

Triangular Meet at Shillington—April 3.
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Dual Meet—Mohnton at W. Reading—April 13.

Albright College Invitation Meet—April 22.

SCHEDULE

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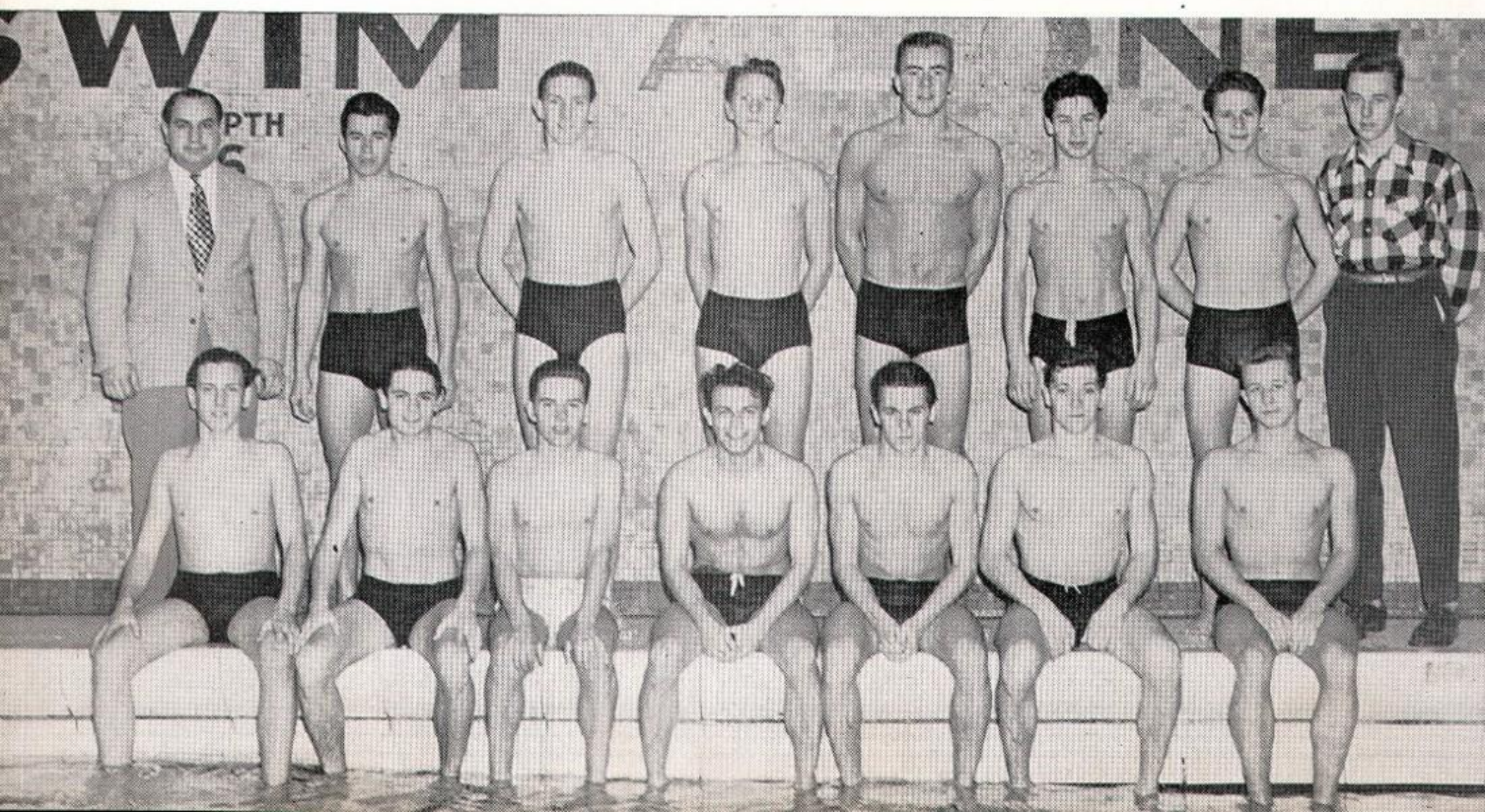

Tennis

SCHEDULE

April 19—Muhlenberg—Home
April 21—Shillington—Away
April 26—Fleetwood—Home
April 28—Hamburg—Away
May 3—Open
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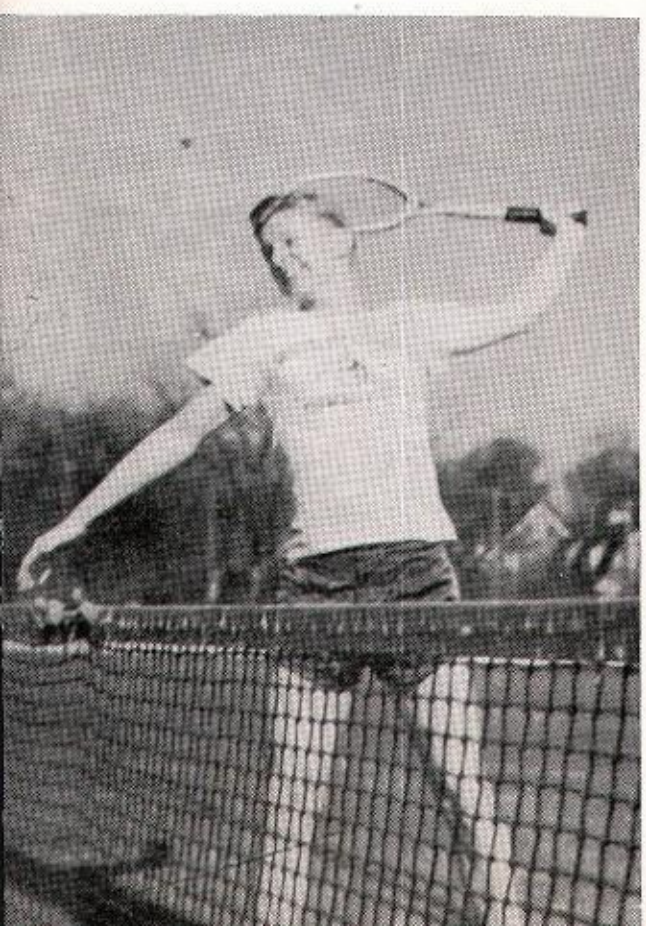

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It was with this thought instilled in the opponent's mind that the Cowboy tennis club had to compete during the 1949 spring sports season.

Under the capable guidance of the English exchange teacher, Mr. Ronald Kent, an industrious and enthusiastic player himself, the racket welders played an eight-match league card. The league opponents consisted of Hamburg, Fleetwood, Muhlenberg, and Shillington, the defending champion, West Reading playing each club twice on a home and away basis.

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The members of the Junior Class have already begun to secure funds for their trip to Washington at the end of their Senior year at West Reading High School. During the football season they sold programs; dividing the profits with the Athletic Association. They also sponsored the Junior Skating Party for the purpose of raising money to increase their class treasury.

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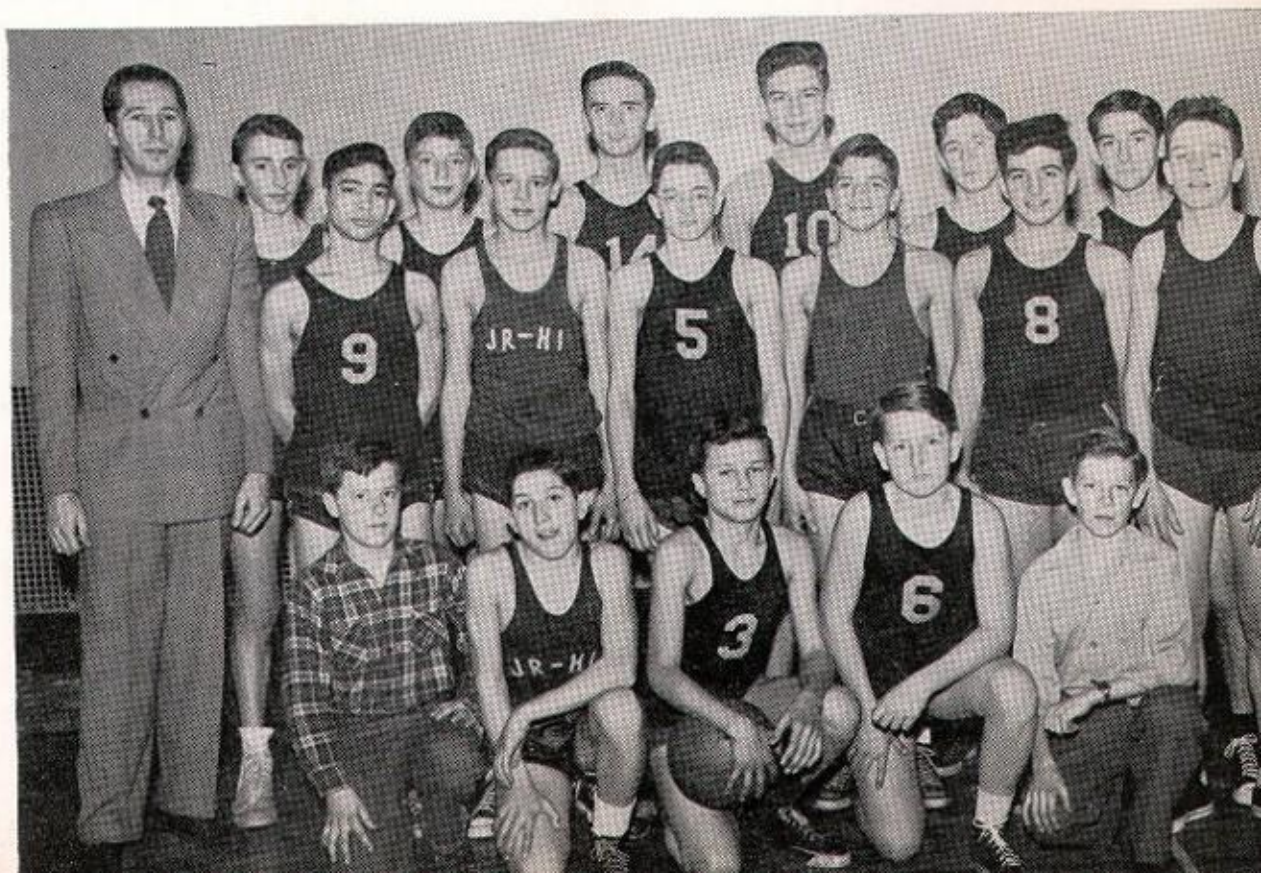


Every Tuesday activity period finds all members of the Athletic Association busy at work helping to solve the problems which come up during every sport season. With Jean Cuifici as president; Lucy Haehnel, secretary; and Mr. Manwiller as treasurer, they succeeded in aiding the athletic program of our school in many ways. Membership is confined to two representatives of each homeroom, elected at the beginning of each year by the separate classes.

Activities of this Association were instructed by Mr. John Shaner and Mrs. Agnes McCarthy, physical education instructors.

During the year, the Athletic Association sponsored three dances, held a sport night in the gymnasium, and managed the West Reading Inter-Scholastic Track Meet, an annual event, which is held on the West Reading Field the first Saturday in May. This was the largest job tackled by this organization, and they did a commendable job in handling the refreshment stand, scoring the track totals, and planning the program.

Members are 12-1 Theodore Stoudt, Barbara Hartzell; 12-2 Donald Ratajczak, Katharine Spangenberg; 11-1 Andrew Gray, Suzanne Luckenbill; 11-2 Charles Cardinal, Jacqueline Lavigna; 10-1 John Shaner, Ruth Lelgemann; 10-2 Joan Bouchat, Ray Reber; 9-1 Marjorie DiMascio, Gerald Straub; 9-2 Joan Gift, Richard Merkle; 8-1 William Hinnershitz, Jacqueline Auge; 8-2 Jack Jones, Nancy Piscitelli; 7-1 Russel Daiello, Barbara Nelson; 7-2 Ruth Karper, Ronald Greenleese.

FIRST ROW—T. Stoudt, B. Hartzell, Mr. Shaner, Mrs. McCarthy, J. Cuifici, L. Haehnel, Mr. Manwiller, K. Spangenberg, D. Ratajczak. SECOND ROW—J. Straub, R. Merkel, C. Cardinal, R. Lelgemann, S. Luckenbill, J. Bouchat, R. Reber, J. Shaner, A. Gray. LAST ROW—R. Greenleese, R. Daiello, F. Wagner, N. Piscitelli, B. Nelson, R. Karper, J. Gift, M. DiMascio, J. Auge, B. Hinnershitz, J. Jones.

Athletic Association

SENIORS
1949

SOME OF US IN FOURTH GRADE

FIRST ROW—R. Weller, L. Clouse, D. Fisher, D. Schlegel, P. Hoeffer, W. Naugle. SECOND ROW—N. Herb, B. Batdorf, G. Ketner, E. Hohl, C. Gerhart, A. Zimmerman, M. Drehs, M. Kern, B. Wolf. THIRD ROW—J. Strunk, D. Witman, M. McGrath, B. Merget, J. Pleam, D. Braun, J. Schollenberger, B. Fredericks. LAST ROW—J. Killian, J. Killian, D. Ratajczak, G. Greene, J. Ephlin, J. Willwerth, C. Allen.

Class Officers

SITTING—K. Spangenberg, secretary, B. O'Neill, president. STANDING—B. Batdorf, treasurer; A. Williams, vice-president.

Class of 1949

Class Motto

DEO DUCE, CARPE VIAM
(With God Leading, Pursue Life)

Class Colors

RED and GRAY

Class Will

We, the Class of 1949, hereby bequeath these said qualities or quantities to our most esteemed underclassmen:

Claire Bailey's	driving ability	to Louise Strattan
Eric Borneman's	cigarettes	to James Keim
Barbara Batdorf's	ballet shoes	to Charles Cardinal
Dolores D'Ercole's	giggle	to Dorothy Dissinger
Pearl Ditzler's	quietness	to Richard Leisey
Mary Drehs'	books	to Thomas Harkin
Astrid Ernst's	pigtails	to Gay Johnson
Christopher Ernst's	wise questions	to Jeanette Campitelli
William Focht's	romances	to Paul Gring
Catherine Gerhart's	parties	to David Smith
Nancy Giamo's	bubble gum	to Patricia Naylor
Richard Grab's	sportsmanship	to Joan Grimm
Dale Graeff's	part in the Senior Class Play	to William Greenleese
Bernard Green's	sun tan	to Bob Lechleitner
Gordon Greene's	motor bike	to Molly Haas
Richard Greth's	camera	to Roger Feeg
Barbara Hartzell's	good health	to Jean Cuifici
Milton Hartzell's	feet and teeth	to Jerry Busch
Ammon Heckler's	job at the gas station	to Doris Richter
Nancy Herb's	organ	to Jerry Bright
Conrad Heister's	diving ability	to Dennis Edwards
Philip Hoeffer's	way with women	to John Raser
Guenther Janssen's	violin	to Robert DiMascio
Margaret Kern's	driver training car	to Ann Moyer
James Killian's	acting ability	to Lewis Runkle
Joseph Killian's	job at Deiner's	to Robert Richenbach
Margaret Kullman's	legs	to Susanne Luckenbill
Isolde Kreuzer's	accent	to Andrew Gray
Frank Light's	physique	to Ronald Stoudt
Thomas Manzolillo's	television set	to Bernard Leightheiser
Myrna McGrath's	tree on Fifth Avenue	to John Thompson
James Mengel's	father's car	to Shirley Feick
Mary Mentzer's	pin curls	to Josephine Rowley
Walter Naugle's	brother	to Miss McDonald
Beth Merget's	vocabulary	to Christine Showers
Gladys Ohrin's	nick-name	to Gloria Fiucci
Benjamin O'Neill's	leadership ability	to Doris Seigfried
Jacquelyn Pleam's	tongue	to Harold Klinger
Marilyn Rankey's	technique	to Tina Borkert
Donald Ratajczak's	height	to Elwood Heister
David Schlegel's	faithfulness	to Nancy Homan
Katherine Spangenberg's	frank manner	to Gloria D'Ercole
Theodore Stoudt's	"Chevie"	to Hazel Bewley
Jordan Straub's	girl friend	to Philip Bailey
Jean Walker's	striped sweater	to Jack Shaner
Fay Weidenheimer's	home economics ability	to Fred Loser
Jerry Weidner's	garage	to Joanne Graver
Russell Weinman's	pegged pants	to Fred Stover
Ronald Weller's	sny manner	to Pat Ephlin
Robert White's	trip to Tennessee	to Judy Spang
Alan Williams'	adding machine	to Jack Rhoda
James Willwerth's	little hatchet	to Eva Noecker
Gloria Winters'	long black hair	to Helen Lebo
Dorace Witman's	quarter novels	to Mickey Reilley
Barbara Wolf's	A's	to Jackie Lavigna

CLAIRE E. BAILEY BARBARA L. BATDORF ERIC A. BORNEMAN DOLORES D'ERCOLE

Claire E. Bailey

Commercial

"Clara" . . . the "unholy row" . . . that light green Mercury . . . the "Spook" . . . her man from Wyomissing . . . our future airplane hostess . . . the full back . . . "tea parties" . . . her pandas . . . trip to Culver (?) . . . puzzling problems . . . cheerleading . . . Altoona.

Bridge 3 — Class Vice-President 1 — Health Comm. 1, 2; Chairman — Lariat 1, 2, 3 — Monitor 1 — National Honor Society 2, 4 — Student Council 1, 2; Secretary-Treasurer 2 — Vaquero 3, 4; Business Manager 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4; Secretary 4 — Basketball 2, 3, 4 — Cheerleading 2, 3, 4 — Hockey 2, 3, 4 — Track 2 — Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

Barbara L. Batdorf

Academic

"Schnip" . . . her dog . . . her father's jokes . . . our future ballerina . . . her friend Phyllis . . . those green shoes . . . summer at Mumma's . . . Civic Opera star . . . pickles in home economics class . . . those lost bills . . . Eagerness to go to Mt. Holyoke..

Class Treas. 1, 2, 3, 4 — German 3 — Health Comm. 1 — Jr. & Sr. Class Plays — Jr. Red Cross 1 — Knitting 4 — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4 — Library 2, 3 — Sr. Executive Comm. 4 — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 3, 4 — Basketball 3, 4 — Hockey 3, 4 — Volleyball 3, 4 — National Honor Society 4.

Eric A. Borneman

General

"Jody" . . . his red hair and temper to match . . . Bart's handyman . . . vacation days . . . our Frank Buck . . . coffee at the diner . . . "I rebel" . . . his philosophy of life . . . his love for cats . . . two packs a day . . . those broken cue sticks.

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4 — Library 3 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 3, 4 — Swimming 4.

Dolores D'Ercole

Commercial

"Derkie" . . . tall basketball guard . . . news editor on the Lariat . . . Saturday trips to get hot dogs . . . working on the assembly committee . . . her auburn hair . . . her many nights in the movies . . . driving the family boat . . . friends from Coplay.

Art 2 — Assembly Committee 1, 2, 3; Chairman 3 — Banking 3, 4 — Lariat 3, 4; Reporter 3, News Editor 4 — Library 1, 2; Secretary-Treasurer 2 — National Honor Society 3, 4 — Student Council 3 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4 — Girls' Basketball 3.

Astrid U. Ernst

Home Economics

Astrid's red hair . . . ability to knit . . . always in home economics department . . . her cooking ability . . . readiness to help out . . . loaning her pen to the class . . . admiration for Benny . . . the two classes of German a day.

Display 4 — Library 1, 2, 3, 4.

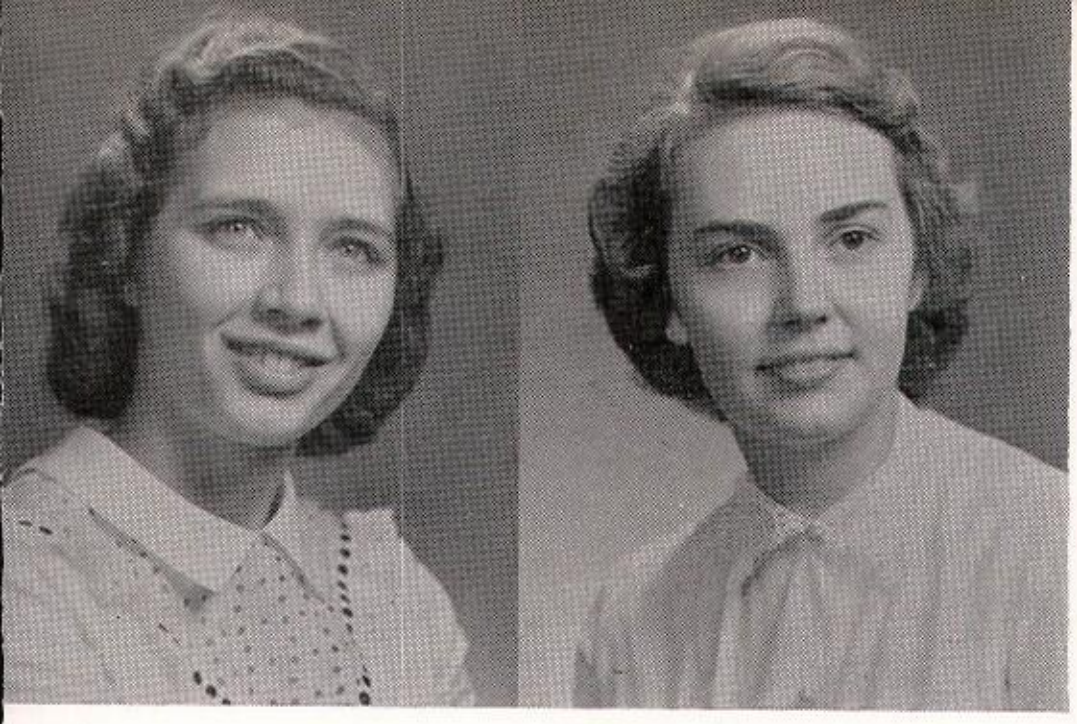
Christopher M. Ernst

Academic

"Red" . . . our super salesman . . . that ever faithful football manager . . . his tenor voice . . . his many ambitions . . . class optimist . . . the watch and radio he won in the Curtis campaigns . . . his love for driving . . . red hair and freckles.

Aeronautics 1, 2 — Camera 1, 2 — Dramatics 1 — Forensic 3 — German 3 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; Secretary 3 — MacDowell 2, 3, 4; President 4 — Lariat 2, 3, 4 — Vaquero 3, 4; Advertising Manager 3, 4 — Basketball Manager 3 — Football Manager 4 — Track 1.

ASTRID U. ERNST CHRISTOPHER M. ERNST



PEARL G. DITZLER MARY DREHS

Pearl G. Ditzler

Home Economics

"Pearl" . . . her shyness and quiet voice . . . taking care of the library desk . . . always chewing gum . . . her buddy, Fay . . . many home economics classes . . . that sudden trip to the hospital . . . her lifetime ambition to be a nurse.

Camera 1 — Foreign Letter Exchange 4 — Library 1, 2, 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Mary Drehs

Academic

"Drehsie" . . . that short haircut . . . her kleenex . . . her dog, Rippie . . . wing position on the hockey team . . . her friend, Gordon . . . eagerness to study . . . ability to sew . . . her ambition to be a nurse . . . selling refreshments at football games.

Display 4 — Library 1, 2, 3, 4 — Assembly Comm. 3; Secretary 3 — Forensic 4 — German 3 — Health Comm. 4 — Hospitality Comm. 2, 3 — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4 — Senior Play — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4; Vice-President 4 — Hockey 2, 3, 4.

William J. Focht, Jr.

General

"Billy's" fickleness . . . those imitations of "Old Man River" . . . swimming at Penn State . . . his girl friends . . . his night out . . . that blue and white sweater . . . painted silver at Bynden Wood . . . his innocent looks . . . worked at the juke box . . . ambition to join Marines.

Art 2 — Camera 1 — Display 4 — Graphic Arts 2, 4 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 3, 4; Treasurer 4 — Basketball 1, 2 — Football 2, 3, 4 — Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.

Catherine M. Gerhart

General

"Cathy" . . . her nature study . . . fascinating eyes . . . little green cap . . . never-ceasing efforts to help the class . . . mad dashes to school every morning and noon . . . those unlucky Thursdays . . . home-making ability . . . neglected home duties on Saturdays . . . ambition to travel.

Citizenship 1 — Forensic 2 — Hospitality Comm 3, 4; Secretary 4 — Knitting 4 — MacDowell 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4 — Science 2, 3; Vice-President 3 — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 3, 4 — Track 1 — Volleyball 3.

Nancy R. Giamo

Commercial

"Eddie Cantor" . . . long telephone conversations . . . attempts at knitting . . . her wonderful dancing ability . . . fickleness . . . passion for candy, bubble gum, etc. . . . off again, on again swimming medal . . . Steve Van Buren and Sonny Tufts . . . her adventures with Phil.

Bridge 1, 2 — Dramatics 1, 4 — Knitting 4 — Library 1 — MacDowell 3, 4 — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4 — Cheerleading 3.

Richard Grab

General

"Grabbie" . . . his long runs down the football field . . . green turtle neck sweater . . . that appetite . . . sensation when Dick placed at Penn State . . . one of the quiet boys . . . when he received the trophy for loyalty, sportsmanship, and courage in football.

Sportsman 4 — Baseball 3, 4 — Football 3, 4 — Swimming 2, 3, 4 — Track 2, 3, 4.

WILLIAM J. FOCHT, JR. CATHERINE M. GERHART NANCY R. GIAMO RICHARD GRAB

T. Ammon Heckler, Jr.

Industrial Arts

"Spoona's" dry humor . . . new brown suit . . . his ambitions . . . that gait . . . happy-go-lucky attitude . . . that football trophy . . . Sunday afternoon movies . . . that red hat . . . sports ability . . . his association with the stage crew . . . his part in the Lariat poll.

Arts 1, 2, 3, 4 — Bridge 3, 4 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4 — MacDowell 1, 2, 3 — Monitor 2 — Graphic Arts 2, 3, 4 — Science Club 3, 4 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 3, 4 — Baseball 3, 4 — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 — Football 2, 3, 4 — Swimming 2, 3, 4 — Tennis 4 — Track 3, 4.

Nancy Herb

Academic

"Herbie" . . . that blonde hair . . . her job at the Book Shop . . . organist for assemblies . . . all the fun she had in her senior year . . . our talented pianist . . . her knitted socks . . . her ambition to be a home economics teacher . . . those letters from Donald.

German 3 — Health Comm. 3 — Knitting 4 — MacDowell 1, 2, 3, 4; pianist 1, 2, 3, 4 — Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4 — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3.

Conrad S. Hiester, Jr.

General

"Connie" . . . his shyness . . . that appetite . . . our little diver . . . his troubles with Kitty and Joan . . . those days in drum corps . . . when he played center on the football team . . . when he took that second trip to the Narrow Fabric.

Art 1, 2, 3 — Camera 1, 2 — Hi-Y 3 — Science 1, 2 — Senior Play — Baseball 4 — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 — Football 3, 4 — Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4 — Track 4.

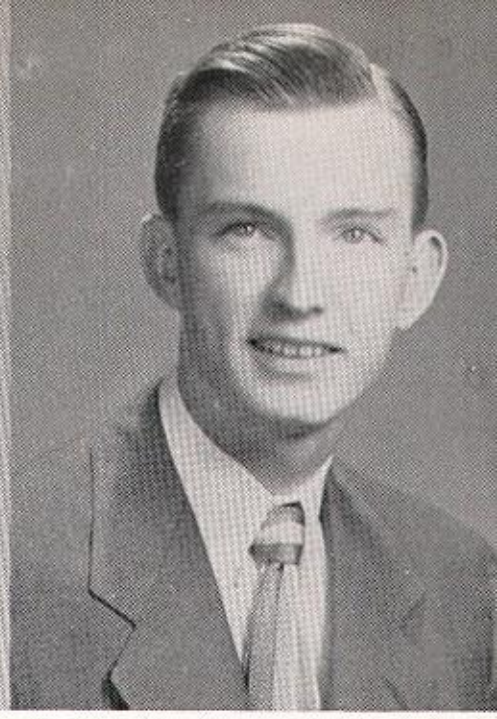
J. Philip Hoeffer

Academic

"Punzy" . . . our capable Lariat Editor . . . the time he had amnesia . . . his summers at Ocean City . . . his Dad's '49 Mercury . . . that special interest in Wyomissing . . . those neat haircuts . . . his blue suit . . . that famous walk . . . his personality.

Assembly Comm. 1 — Forensic 2, 3 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3, 4 — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4; Editor 4 — National Honor Society 4 — Science 3; President 3 — Senior Executive Comm. 4 — Senior Play — Student Council 2, 3, 4 — Vaquero 4; Sports Editor 4 — Basketball 1, 3, 4 — Football 3, 4.

DALE R. GRAEFF



BERNARD J. GREEN

Dale R. Graeff

General

Dale's imitation of Peter Lorre . . . all his girls across the border . . . the way he played his trumpet . . . sold papers so early in the morning . . . singing bass with our quartet . . . his work in the talent assemblies . . . his deep chuckles.

Band 2, 3, 4 — Camera 1 — Hi-Y 1, 2 — MacDowell 3, 4 — Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4 — Senior Play — Football 3, 4 — Track 4.

Bernard J. Green

Academic

"Omar's" great sense of humor . . . the time he worked at the Penn . . . playing football with Sacred Heart . . . his memories of that first gym class at WRHS . . . survived those long baseball drills . . . had fun in typing class.

Hi-Y 1, 2 — Science 2, 3 — Sportsman 4 — Baseball 2, 3, 4 — Basketball 3, 4.

T. AMMON HECKLER, JR.

NANCY E. HERB

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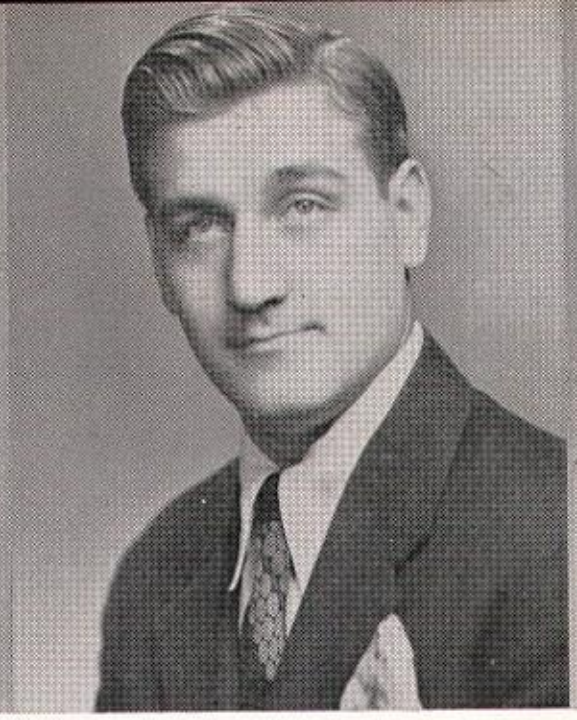


RICHARD GRETH

BARBARA HARTZELL

MILTON B. HARTZELL

Gordon A. Greene

Scientific

"Gord" . . . that motor bike . . . our faithful lineman in football . . . those Christmas trees for the Junior Prom . . . hard-working Vaquero Co-Editor . . . his visits to Batdorfs . . . that special interest at Kutztown.

Art 1 — Dramatics 4 — Hi-Y 1 — Junior, Senior Plays — Lariat 1, 2 — Library 1 — MacDowell 1, 2 — Monitor 3 — Science 1, 2 — Sportsman 4 — Thespian 4 — Vaquero 3, 4; Assistant Editor 3; Co-Editor 4 — Football 1, 2, 3, 4 — Track 1.

Richard Greth

"Chuckie" . . . his neat leather jacket . . . talking about motorcycles . . . long walks with Neil . . . big ambition to join the Marines . . . shyness with girls . . . his job at the Food Fair . . . taking pictures for the Vaquero . . . his printing ability.

Art 4 — Band 1, 2 — Camera 2, 3; President 2, 3 —Lariat 3 — Orchestra 1, 2 — Sportsman 4 — Vaquero 3.

Barbara Hartzell

Academic

"Bobsy" . . . endless games written for Lariat . . . Billy . . . dashing up the hockey field . . . cheerleading in 9, 10, 11, & 12 . . . mad passion for candy . . . blue comb . . . her ability in sports . . . her ambition to be a teacher . . . the window and the eraser.

Art 1; President 1 — Bridge 3 — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4 — Library 1; Secretary 1 — Monitor 1 — National Honor Society 3, 4 — Vaquero 3, 4 — War Activities 1 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4 — Athletic Asso. 1, 2, 3, 4 — Basketball 2, 3, 4 — Hockey 2, 3, 4 —Track 2 —Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

Milton B. Hartzell

General

"Buzz" . . . those summers at Atlantic City . . . his ever changing ambitions . . . our All-County end . . . his friend Kissinger . . . the seventh commandment . . . his teeth and hair . . . knuckles . . . his temper . . . his ambition to go to California . . . his language.

Bridge 1, 2, 3 — Camera 1, 2 — Class President 1 — Hi-Y 2, 3, 4 — Lariat 2, 3; Advertising Manager 3 — Sportsman 4 — Vaquero 4 — Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4 — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 — Football 1, 2, 3, 4 — Track 2, 3, 4.

Guenther G. Janssen

General

"Ginny" . . . tow-head . . . that yellow sweater . . . the first time he danced . . . surprised everyone by playing football . . . our fiddle player . . . our shock when we found out he was going steady . . . practical joker . . . hopes to be a sports broadcaster.

Band 3 — Camera 1, 2 — Hi-Y 1 — Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4 — Athletic Asso. 3 — Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4 —Basketball 2, 3 — Football 4.

Margaret A. Kern

Commercial

Margaret's ever-present smile for every one . . . wished she could keep all the money she handled in bank club . . . worked at the football refreshment stand . . . her experiences in driver training . . . those letters from Lancaster.

Art 2 — Banking 3, 4 — Camera 1 — Lariat 3 — Library 1, 2 — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

GUENTHER G. JANSSEN

MARGARET A. KERN

JAMES A. KILLIAN

JOSEPH E. KILLIAN

MARGARET H. KULLMAN

ISOLDE C. KREUZER

James A. Killian

General

"Jim" . . . the soda jerk at Painter's . . . the way he drove that car . . . the day he joined the Naval Reserve . . . "The Coach" in the Junior Class Play . . . the other half of the inseparable twins . . . his work in art appreciation.

Art 1, 2, 3 — Assembly Comm. 1, 4 — Camera 1 — Dramatics 4 — Forensic 2, 4 — Hi-Y 1, 2 — Junior, Senior Plays — Lariat 1, 2, 3 — MacDowell 2, 3 — Monitor 4 — Science 3 — Sportsman 1 — Vaquero 4.

Joseph E. Killian

General

"Joe" . . . all the water pistol wars in '47 . . . those hot dog situations at football games . . . his troubles in bookkeeping class . . . his job at the Book Shop . . . one of the Oak Terrace gang . . . his other half.

Art 1, 2, 3 — Assembly Comm. 4 — Banking 4 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3 — Junior, Senior Plays — Monitor 4 — Science 3 — Sportsman 4 — Vaquero 4.

Margaret H. Kullman

General Business

"Maggie" . . . sawing away on that violin . . . her dog, Inky . . . many million males . . . her glasses which appear once a year . . . love for potato chips and candy . . . alto voice . . . Moonsheen . . . her job at the "Berky" . . . those rides with Jess.

Art 1; Secretary-Treasurer 1 — Bridge 1 — Camera 1 — Costume 2 — Dramatics 4 — Knitting 4 — Lariat 2 — MacDowell 1, 2, 3, 4 — Orchestra 2, 3; Secretary 3 — Science 1 — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3.

Isolde C. Kreuzer

Academic

Rosey smile . . . learned to play basketball . . . that naturally curly hair . . . her companion, Nancy . . . ability to speak German . . . learning to sew . . . Isolde joined us in twelfth grade, but transferred to Reading High before graduation.

Foreign Letter Exchange 4 — German 4 — Lariat 4 — Library 4 — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 4.

Thomas Manzilillo, Jr.

General

"Misery" . . . wavey black hair . . . his father's car . . . affection for Kitty . . . his hobby, "girls" . . . bugler in drum corps . . . Reading High . . . ambition to be a track star . . . his everyday job in the summer, swimming.

Art 2 — Band 2, 4 — Camera 3 — Chefs 1 — Display 3 — Graphic Arts 1, 2, 3 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4 — Junior Class Play — Lariat 1, 3, 4 — Mac Dowell 3, 4 — Orchestra 1, 2 — Athletic Asso. 3 — Baseball 4 — Swimming 4 — Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Myrna McGrath

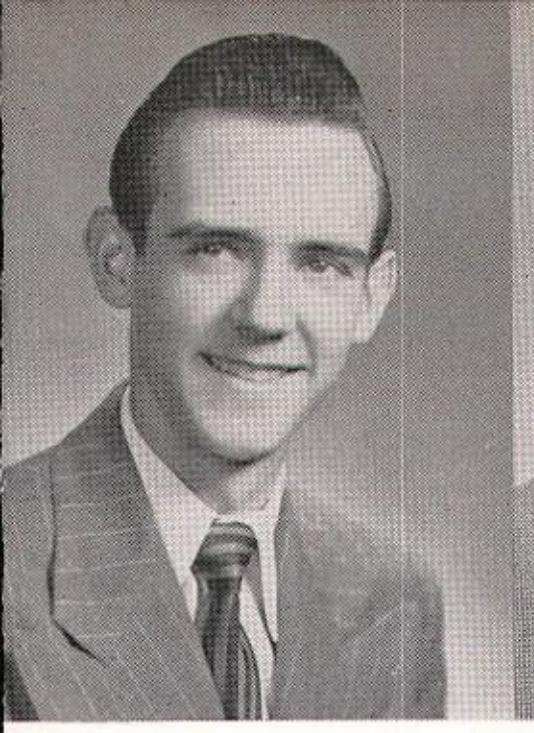
Academic

"Minnie" . . . that tooth . . . her ever changing love life . . . the tree with no bark on Fifth Avenue . . . the Ursinus "Flash" . . . her boy and his sweater . . . neat dresser . . . her days in drum corps . . . Donnie's Hallowe'en party.

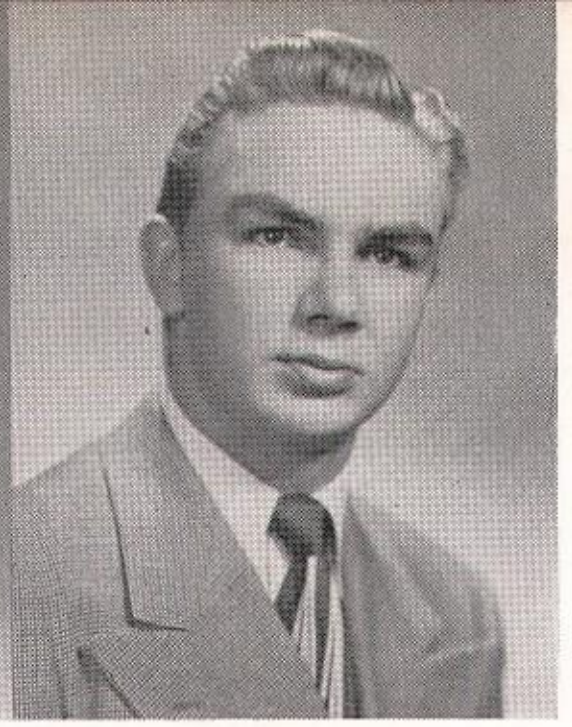
Art 1 — Assembly Comm. 1 — Class Secretary 3 — Costume 2 — Health Comm. 1, 2 — Knitting 4 — Lariat 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4 — Library 1 — MacDowell 3, 4 — Student Council 1 — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4 — Basketball 3, 4 — Cheerleading 1 — Hockey 2, 3, 4 — Volleyball 3, 4.

THOMAS MANZILILLO, JR.

MYRNA McGRATH



FRANK D. LIGHT



JOHN J. MALEY

Frank D. Light

General

"Sonny" . . . his tree house . . . those terrific spectacles . . . one of our commuters . . . the night "Buzz" pushed his car up Buttonwood Street . . . those numerous battles with "the boys" on Sixth Avenue . . . hopes to become a knitter at the "Berky" . . . Mary.

Art 1, 2, 3, 4 — Camera 1, 3, 4 — Sportsman 4.

John J. Maley

Scientific

"Solomon's" sharp glasses . . . how he hated those essays in eleventh grade . . . Lulu . . . his antics on drum corps trips . . . rushed to the "Berky" after school . . . battling "Buzz" in Geometry class . . . always ready with contributions . . . ambition to be an architect.

Hi-Y 1, 2 — Science 1, 2.

L. James Mengel

General

"Loyal" . . . that gangster car . . . summer romance with a millionaire's daughter . . . his driving ability? . . . naturally curly hair . . . sharp clothes . . . love for jitterbugging . . . his ambition to be a future Army captain . . . the new jeepster . . . cabin in the mountains.

Band 2, 3, 4 — Dramatics 1 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3 — MacDowell 3 — Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4 — Stage Craft 3, 4 — Sportsman 4 — Football 3, 4.

Mary G. Mentzer

Home Economics

"Dutchess" . . . her trouble with her accent . . . the times she worked at the senior sport hops . . . those drum corps trips with "Dick" . . . that eventful Thursday . . . that giggle . . . read romance books . . . her over-the-night blonde hair.

Knitting 4 — MacDowell 2, 3, 4 — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2.

Beth Merget

Commercial

"Slidell" . . . her initiation in hockey . . . noon-time sessions . . . love affairs . . . our tongue-tied Y-Teen president . . . the spy . . . her job at Croll & Keck . . . her friend from Wyomissing . . . eighth grade Christmas party friend . . . that moment of reverence.

Junior Play — Knitting 4 — Lariat 2, 3, 4 — Library 1, 2 — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; President 4; Cabinet 4 — Basketball 4 — Hockey 4.

Walter C. Naugle

General

"Mitty" . . . how he economized at the shore . . . "Buzz's" unexpected visit . . . his undying love . . . weird practical jokes . . . ambition to get to college . . . speeding along in his "Chevie" . . . delivering papers in the afternoon . . . his summer job at the "Berky".

Art 1 — Band 3 — Camera 1, 2 — Chess and Checkers 1, 2 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3 — MacDowell 3, 4 — Science 2 — Sportsman 4.

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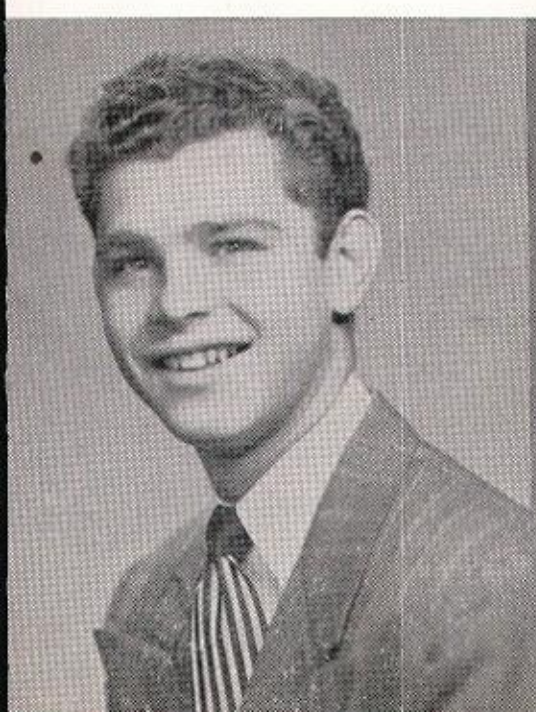

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"Kitty" . . . vim, vigor, and vitality . . . always yelling at Beth . . . "Gunner" . . . how the girls envied "George" from Birdsboro . . . working at her father's store . . . neat socks knitted by "Bobbie" . . . swimming with "Hops" Guldin . . . her admiration for that certain senior.

Art 1 — Class Secretary 1, 3, 4 — Junior Play — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4 — Senior Executive Comm. 4 — Vaquero 3, 4 —Y-Teens 2, 3, 4 — Cabinet 3, 4 — Athletic Asso. 3, 4 — Basketball 3, 4 — Cheerleading 2, 3, 4 — Hockey 2, 3, 4 — Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

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Industrial

"Theo" . . . that "Chevie" . . . his "friendship" with "Glo" . . . wrapping packages at Croll & Keck over Christmas . . . those hunting trips . . . our speedy little halfback . . . our Christmas card salesman . . . our "Glenn Ford" . . . his future trips to New Jersey.

Bridge 1, 2 — Camera 2 — Dramatics 1 — Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 2, 3, 4 — Athletic Asso. 1, 2, 3, 4 — Baseball 1, 2 — Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

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"Dutch's" bowling ability . . . his memories of eighth grade . . . worked with stage crew and Mr. Fiske . . . swam backstroke on the swimming team . . . constant attendance at Giamo's . . . neat curly hair . . . the "Big Punch" . . . our ticket selling wit.

Art 1 — Band 1 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 3, 4 — Football 4 — Swimming 3, 4.

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General Business

"Jean" . . . her personality . . . her work on the Hospitality Committee . . . her job at Consumers Gas Company . . . her friend Charlie . . . those speeches on the air . . . when she was willed naturally blonde curly hair . . . her driver's test . . . class debater.

Bridge 1, 2, 3 — Dramatics 1 — Forensic 2, 3, 4 — Health Comm. 1 — Hospitality Comm. 2, 4; Chairman 2, 4 — Lariat 2 — Monitor 3, 4 — Senior Play 4 — Student Council 2, 4 — Vaquero 3 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 3; Council 4.

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General Business

"Happy Bottom" . . . her quiet manner . . . pep in leading the crowd to cheer . . . disagreements with Nancy . . . her love of collecting souvenirs . . . her excursions to Ruth's . . . first day at WRHS . . . her nicknames . . . advice to the Sophomores . . . her love for swimming stars.

Athletic Asso. 2 — Bridge 1, 2 — Dramatics 2, 4 — Health Comm. 1 — Knitting 4 — MacDowell 3, 4 — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Benjamin H. O'Neill

Industrial

"Benny" . . . our All-County guard . . . those trips to the store during school time . . . his three terms as class president . . . that special interest on Sunset Road . . . pounding the gavel at Student Council meetings . . . decorating for sport hops . . . his "Irish Temper".

Class President 2, 3, 4 — Sportsman 4 — Senior Executive Comm. 4 — Stage Craft 2, 3, 4 — Student Council President 4 — Basketball 2, 3 — Football 2, 3, 4 — Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4.

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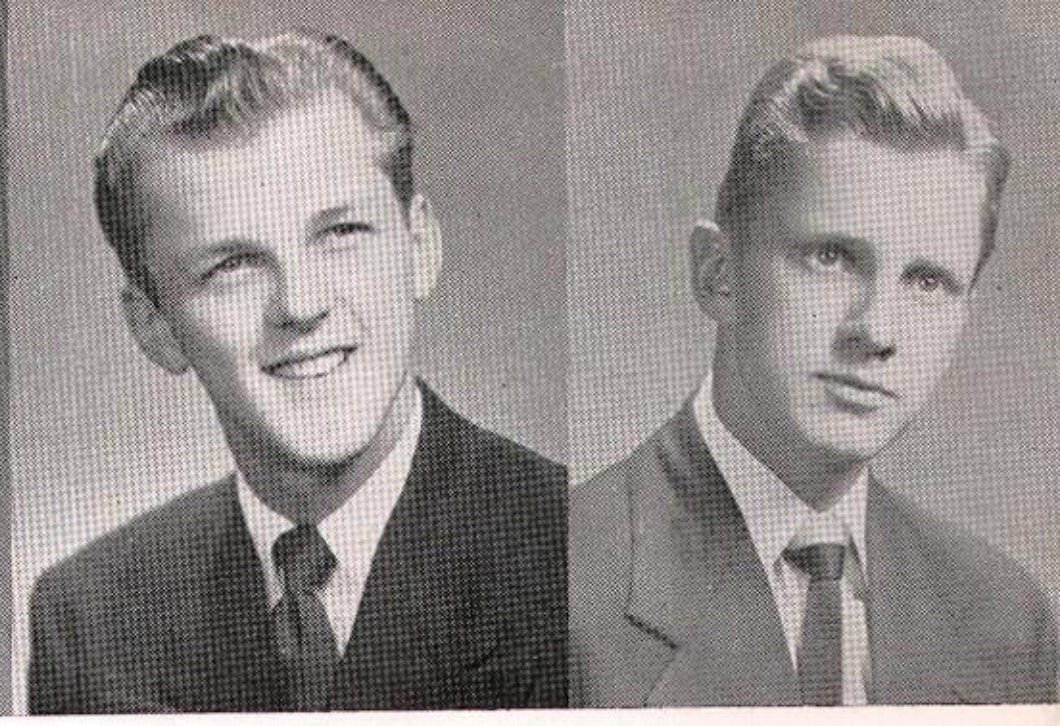

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GEORGE D. SCHLEGEL

Jacquelyn A. Pleam

Commercial

"Pleamie" . . . those dances at the "Y" on Saturday nights . . . her friend from Northmont . . . tallest girl in the class . . . that vacation at Atlantic City . . . the time she led Sammy Kaye's Band . . . all the fun in English class . . . incidents in driver's training.

Art 1, 2 — Banking 3, 4 — Camera 1, 2 — Lariat 3, 4 — Library 1, 2 — MacDowell 2, 3 — Science 1 — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

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Home Economics

"Maggie" . . . our reporter . . . a member of the trio . . . her neat wardrobe . . . her constant companion and his class hat . . . Sunday driving . . . the parties she had . . . seen but not heard . . . her girl friend from tenth grade . . . ambition to join the Waves.

Foreign Letter Exchange 4 — Library 1, 2, 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Donald M. Ratajczak

Industrial

"Don" . . . tall man on the basketball team . . . ever memorable nickname, "Rat" . . . drinking coffee at the diner with the boys . . . one of "Al's" ardent supporters . . . bending over to face his friends . . . his visit to New York . . . those sharp suits.

Art 2 — Bridge 2 — Chefs 1, 2, 3, 4 — Display Club 3 — Hi-Y 2, 3 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 3, 4 — Athletic Asso. 4 — Basketball 2, 3, 4 — Football 3, 4.

George D. Schlegel

Academic

"Dave" . . . those sharp sweaters . . . class blonde . . . quarterback on the football team . . . his love troubles . . . going steady . . . his coming through the diving bell . . . that car . . . his argyles . . . his weekend at Chambersburg . . . his accent . . . plans to attend Haverford.

Bridge 2, 3 — Camera 1 — Forensic 3, 4 — Hi-Y 3, 4; Vice President 3 — Junior, Senior Plays — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4 — MacDowell 2 — Monitor 3 — National Honor Society 3, 4 — Senior Executive Comm. — Sportsman 4 — Student Council 2, 3 — Baseball 2 — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 — Football 2, 3, 4 — Tennis 2, 3, 4.

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Home Economics

"Fay" . . . her friendship with Pearl . . . her hard work in the library . . . those Library Club Christmas parties . . . that ninth grade picnic up at the tower . . . her senior year at West Reading . . . faithful Y-Teen member . . . spends most of her day in home economics.

Camera 1 — Foreign Letter Exchange 1 — Library 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

Gerald L. Weidner

Industrial

"Jerry" . . . "Happy motoring" . . . his short stature . . . sunny disposition (some times) . . . nights at the diner with "the boys" . . . his everlasting job at the gas station . . . the day he "died" . . . his monotone . . . those freckles . . . his brothers.

Stage Craft 2, 3, 4 — Sportsman 4 — Baseball 3 — Chefs 1 — Chess and Checkers 1 — Graphic Arts 4.

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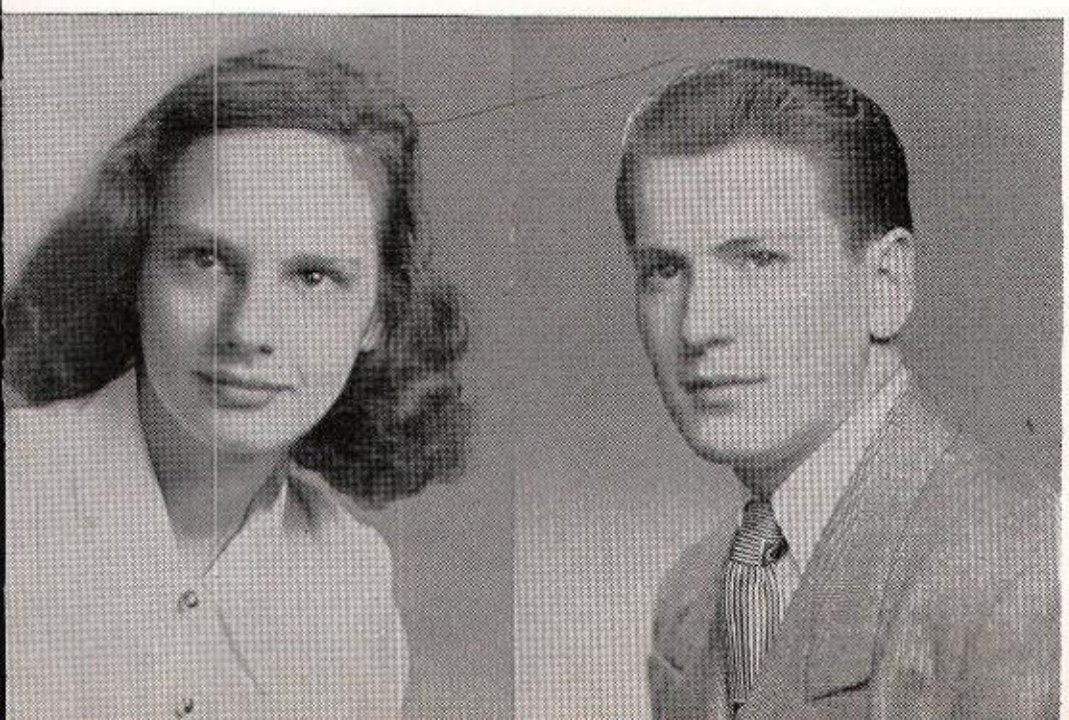

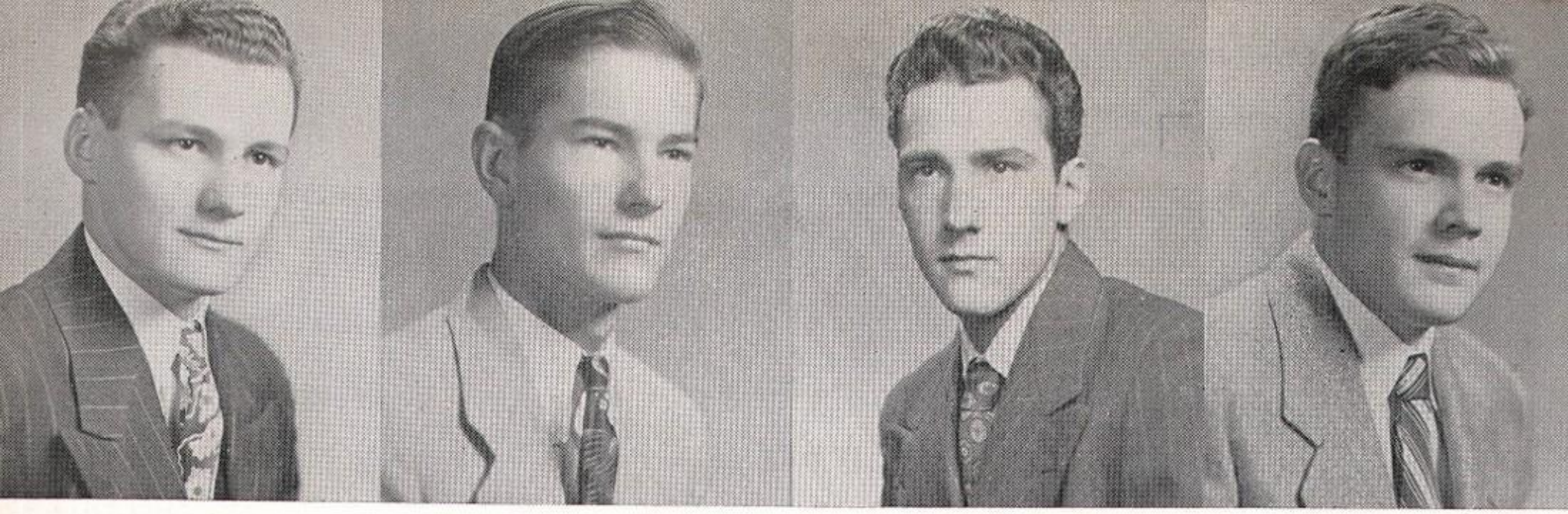

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Russell Weinman

General

"Bip" . . . health classes . . . his first car wreck . . . J.V. Star . . . those knitted socks . . . his astounding current events . . . that voice . . . those sharp clothes . . . his job at the "Berky" . . . working hard to get a car . . . all those hours.
Hi-Y 2 — Stage Craft 4 — Football 2, 3 — Track 1, 2, 3.

Robert J. White

Industrial

"Bob" . . . all the fun in stage craft . . . being amused by Mr. Wenrich's scenic views . . . his attention in English class . . . "Tennessee Rambler's" excursion to Florida . . . our billard champion . . . our national defender . . . his love (?) for work.
Camera 1 — Chefs 1 — Chess & Checkers 2 — Hi-Y 1 — Library 3 — Pinochle 2 — Science 2 — Sportsman 4 — Stage Craft 1, 2, 3, 4 — Football 3.

Alan Williams

General Business

"Junior" . . . his job as senior purchasing agent . . . that uneven temper . . . his ambition to dance . . . his favorite pastime, sports . . . his association with Joe . . . that curly hair . . . that humor . . . the romeo of English class.
Banking 3, 4 — Camera 1, 2 — Class Vice President 3, 4 — Science 3 — Senior Executive Comm. 4 — Senior Purchasing Agent 4 — Sportsman 4 — Vaquero 4 — Baseball 3, 4 — Football 4.

James W. Willwerth

Academic

"Willie's" neat blue DeSoto . . . Hatchethead's Christmas tree . . . all the work he put into this book as our co-editor . . . the dependable center on the football team . . . Mr. Wilkens in the Senior Class Play . . . his ambition to be a dentist.

Assembly Comm. 2 — Camera 1 — Class Vice President 1, 2 — Dramatics 4 — Monitor 3, 4 — Science 2, 3 — Junior, Senior Play — Senior Executive Comm. 4 — Thespian 4 — Vaquero 3, 4; Assistant Editor 3; Co-Editor 4 — Basketball 3 — Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

Barbara A. Wolf

Commercial

"Wolfie" . . . those glasses . . . "A's" . . . that boyish bob . . . "dead-eye" in that Mohnton game . . . writing church plays . . . little girl parts in the class plays . . . jokes shared with Lucie . . . after graduation "Wolfie" plans to be a private secretary.

Art 2, 4 — Assembly Comm. 3 — Banking 3, 4 — Lariat 3, 4 — Library 1, 2; President 2 — MacDowell 3 — National Honor Society 3, 4 — Junior, Senior Plays — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cabinet 4 — Basketball 3, 4 — Hockey 3, 4 — Volleyball 2, 4.

Ronald Weller

General

"Ronnie" . . . his good writing . . . quiet manner . . . our pin-boy . . . champ bowler . . . his mechanical drawing ability . . . that wallet full of money . . . sleeping in Mrs. Bolton's English classes . . . taking attendance in Mr. Naylor's homeroom . . . unknown goal in life.
Art 1, 2, 4 — Library 1.

Gloria L. Winters

General Business

"Glo" . . . her dates with that certain fellow classmate . . . class actress . . . our snappy cheerleader . . . her Hershey's ice cream . . . "Dear Ruth" . . . that long dark hair . . . going for walks . . . keeping a diary . . . ambition to travel.
Bridge 1, 2 — Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4; President 2, Secretary-Treasurer 4 — Health Comm. 3, 4 — Junior, Senior Plays — Vaquero 4 — Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Cabinet 4 — Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4.

Dorace E. Witman

General

"Acey-Deucey" . . . those twin sweaters . . . H/2 O/2 . . . eyebrow . . . her sister's fiancee . . . "I must go home" . . . ever faithful to Nick . . . Fred . . . broken wrist in third grade . . . her hope chest . . . that neat wardrobe . . . ran the Senior Card Party.
Bridge 2, 3 — Costume 2 — German 3 — Lariat 1, 2, 3, 4 — Circulation Manager 3, 4 — Library 1, 2 — Senior Play — Vaquero 3, 4 — Y-Teens 1, 2, 4.

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